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Emma Goldman spent half of 1912 and 1913 on national lecture tours, as she had since 1908. She completed publication arrangements for Alexander Berkman's *Prison Memoirs of an Anarchist* in early 1912. During her difficult tour of that year, she learned that her comrade Voltairine de Cleyre had died. Her relationship with Reitman deteriorated amidst the trauma and recriminations following his ordeal at the hands of San Diego vigilantes. Reitman's intensifying devotion to his mother during 1913 strained relations even more.

Though revealing much about Goldman's emotional life, the correspondence from these years gives little insight into her public activities. Personal letters between Goldman and Reitman and from her newfound friend, Almeda Sperry, dominate the correspondence. Goldman's lecture program, however, shows that she addressed her usual wide range of topics such as art, drama, venereal disease, marriage, and politics. She increasingly devoted lectures to modern drama from which she drew political lessons for her middle-class audiences as well as working-class audiences usually isolated from "high culture." Goldman believed that the modern drama was a powerful vehicle for combining the quest for personal and political freedom, and even lectured on the subject in a coal mine. In 1913 alone, she delivered six lectures on the topic in New York City in January and February and nine in Los Angeles between June 16 and July 2. Her drama lectures would culminate in her book, *The Social Significance of Modern Drama* (1914). Her focus on drama did not stop her from speaking out repeatedly on what she viewed as the most important political issue of the time: the dangers of "political socialism" – a timely

topic as the Socialist Party of America reached the apex of its electoral power in 1912.

In contrast to the undisguised contempt with which she treated American socialism, she felt encouraged by the growth of syndicalism in Europe and, especially, the United States. The Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), though in existence since 1905, finally attracted the attention of Goldman and other anarchists through its successes in the American West. The organization's role in the large and well-publicized strikes of textile workers in Lawrence, Massachusetts (1912) and Paterson, New Jersey (1913) argued for syndicalism's potential strength in the East, as well. Goldman saw anarchism and syndicalism as complementary: a truly free society could flourish when syndicalists overthrew capitalism. In 1913 she gave her lecture, "Syndicalism – The Modern Menace to Capitalism" at almost every venue. As syndicalism became her most common lecture topic during 1913, she published a two-part essay on it in the January and February issues of *Mother Earth*.

Goldman naturally felt affinity with the IWW's free speech campaign, waged since 1909. Goldman, of course, had faced the issue long before that date as had others who tested the limits of free speech. However, the scale, militancy, and persistence of the IWW's crusade surpassed any previous campaign. Hundreds of IWW members (Wobblies) descended upon such places as Missoula, Spokane, and Fresno to defy, in the face of official imprisonment and vigilante violence, local ordinances that denied them the right to speak and organize.

The free speech campaigns of Goldman, Reitman, and the IWW converged in 1912 in one of the most traumatic episodes of her ever-eventful speaking tours. In San Diego, the Wobblies along with several liberal and radical groups

in the city's Free Speech League tried to force the City Council to rescind a ban on downtown soapbox orators. By the time Goldman and Reitman arrived on the scene on May 14, hundreds of people, most of them Wobblies, had been arrested and beaten by vigilantes and law enforcement officials. It took only a few hours for the mob to turn on Reitman; they abducted him to the desert where they stripped, beat, and humiliated him, and finished him with a coating of tar and sagebrush. With his pride as injured as his body, Reitman took a train to Los Angeles and rejoined Goldman, whom the police had escorted out of San Diego.

Unfortunately, few letters directly concern the San Diego incident. Only one provides a brief sketch of the episode (May 16, 1912). The full account of the incident, with analysis and comment, appears in the June 1912 edition of *Mother Earth*. The indirect effect of the San Diego episode, however, reverberates through the Goldman-Reitman relationship of the period. Reitman voiced, publicly and privately, his doubts about his courage and his manhood in the face of vigilante action; Goldman resented his public airing of the issue and his private obsession with it. Perhaps not incidentally, as Reitman sought solace through increased contact with his mother in the latter part of 1913, he further estranged Goldman.

On a different emotional plane, Almeda Sperry's letters reveal another side to Goldman's personal relationships. Born into a strict working-class background in Pittsburgh in 1879, Sperry turned to prostitution in her youth. By the time she met Goldman in 1912, Sperry had been a union organizer, a contributor to the radical press, and a strong advocate of sex education for children. Troubled by her relationship with her husband, and by the conformity expected of her as a woman in a small town, Sperry initially looked to Goldman as a source of intellectual inspiration and spiritual strength. Sperry's

letters to Goldman reveal a complex sexual attraction. Because Goldman's letters to Sperry have not been located, her experience of this relationship remains largely unknown. Goldman's letters to others, however, reveal that both women were open with each other about issues of sexuality. During this period, Goldman lectured and wrote more extensively on the subject of homosexuality.

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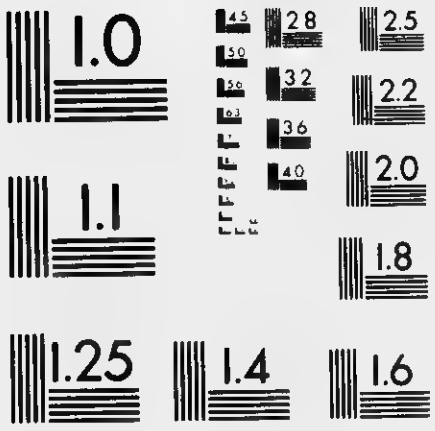

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Men beaten up in cells, their screams being heard by the other prisoners.

Police refuse to allow copies of San Francisco *Bulletin* or San Diego *Herald*, containing news items on fight, to be sold on streets, and arresting all who attempt sale of same.

Sworn affidavits as to bitter prejudice on part of members of grand jury, who indicted prisoners on felony charge, are held by judge in no way to invalidate indictment. Yet jury was not charged to try men by name, but as members of the I. W. W. The felony charges are based on the action of prisoners who destroyed jail property, as protest against being denied food and water, being compelled by thirst to drink out of the toilet.

Between two and three hundred men, women and children have been arrested, being members of the I. W. W., Socialist Party, and trades unions.

The trades unions on the coast are realizing that this fight is their fight and every effort will be made to march to San Diego the 50,000 unemployed men who will soon be paraded in San Francisco. Officials of the A. F. of L. of Los Angeles state that when this army reaches Los Angeles in its line of march, that city will swell the ranks by 10,000.

Money is needed to conduct the defense of the many who are to be railroaded to the penitentiary on a charge of criminal conspiracy—conspiracy to violate a law aimed at free speech and organized labor. These men, women and children are fighting your fight—a fight that must be fought if the labor and revolutionary movement of the Pacific Coast is to retain any of the so-called inherent rights previously existent. It is quite possible that the war in San Diego will resolve itself into a struggle of national import, and you are strongly urged to do your part in giving the oligarchy's association the greatest fight in its experience.

Trusting that the above will inspire you to put yourselves immediately on record as supporters of the working class in this battle, both by way of appropriate and effective publicity and by financial assistance to the extent of your ability, we are

Collectively yours,

CALIFORNIA FREE SPEECH LEAGUE,
PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT,
335 Union Building, San Diego, Cal.

At the present moment a number of presidential candidates are claiming the public ear. They don't tire assuring us of their tremendous interest in the welfare of the nation. But none of them—nor our loud-mouthed press—has a single word of protest against the outrages upon the elemental rights of the people being perpetrated throughout the country by plutocratic conspirators, aided by irresponsible law maniacs. It is high time—and we want to impress this most forcibly upon the labor

organizations of the country, as well as upon the enemy—that this hounding of the workers be stopped, and stopped quickly, with a firm and resolute hand. For this purpose we call upon the workingmen of the country at once to proceed to organize militant self-defence bodies, to assert, aggressively and determinedly, their rights to life and liberty.

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Unemployed of America! Proletarians, Attention!

March on San Diego. Join the army of ten thousand marching from San Francisco; join the March of the Hungry. Go to San Diego; demand your right of Free Speech; demand bread; demand freedom. You are not wanted where you are, and San Diego needs you. Fall in line. BE MEN.

California Free Speech League.

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THE POWER OF THE IDEAL

"For the man I touch there is a path traced out in the sand by a finger which no man sees. That he must follow. Some times it leads almost to the top, and then turns down suddenly into the valley. He must follow it, though none else sees the tracing."
—OLIVE SCHREINER, in
"A Dream of Wild Bees."

AND who is more ready with advice than those that do not see the tracing? If the struggle is hard, they say, why not give up? why go on? How are they to know that he who is touched by the Ideal, must follow the tracing in the sand, though it never lead but down to the valley? They do not know, hence do not understand.

Since last I wrote, our path never lead but to the valley. More than once it seemed as though we could not continue. But such is the power of the Ideal, that one must go on in spite of himself. At the moment of black despair, of heartrending disappointment, there always appears the mountain top, so temptingly near; and though none else sees the tracing, he whom the ideal has touched must go on.

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CHICAGO, always hideous and depressing, has been made endurable by the faithful few MOTHER EARTH has gathered on its tireless journey. But even they could not infuse life into the monotony of Chicago. And but for the debates, there would be nothing of interest to record. However, the debates helped to disclose the great gap in the world of American intellectual life. They also showed, more than Anarchists ever could, the emptiness and bombast of American Socialism.

A friend of mine nicknamed Chicago "I second the motion," because it has no originality and always apes New York. I do not think I am particularly addicted to local patriotism, yet I am convinced that such limitations as demonstrated by one of my opponents, Dr. Denslow Lewis, and such vulgarity as displayed by the "Prophet of Chicago Socialism," Arthur Morrow Lewis, are entirely Chicagoan, since no one in New York could be guilty of either to such an extent.

Dr. Lewis is a well-known physician, a man who for years has been somewhat of a pioneer in urging sex instruction in schools. One would therefore suppose him to be well posted and broad-minded. But he is woefully lacking in both. His defence of the institution of marriage, as the conserver of the best interests in society, consisted of an eulogy of the new tendency of the State in demanding marriage certificates of health. That, the Doctor urged, would protect woman, and insure greater harmony in the marriage relation. The human mind is indeed a strange compound, if an educated, enlightened man will see in the ever growing invasiveness of the State a cure for our social cancers.

The debate with the Socialist Prophet was, to say the least, funny. It took this man two years to decide whether E. G. was worthy of his "Eminence." I do not know what decided in my favor, except that Mr. Lewis may have recognized that E. G. is a good business investment. At any rate, after much bargaining, the "prize fight" was agreed upon. And though my Socialist opponent proved himself more amateurish than a little street urchin, I am grateful to him for the opportunity he has given his flock to see how barren the man is, when he is called upon to defend his cherished position. Verily, among the blind the one-eyed is the seer; otherwise his adherents would long ere this have seen the shallowness of the man.

I have debated with a great many Socialists, but for bombast and arrogance, Lewis beats them all. These were some of his intellectual gems, "Direct action is unscientific, because the I. W. W. are bums, tramps, and hoboes, easily bought and sold; therefore it is insanity to expect anything vital from them." "Insanity, madness, idiocy, and stupidity" are Mr. Lewis's favorite stock phrases, applied to every one who will not agree with him. Needless to say, the Anarchists—according to Mr. Lewis—are nothing but a pack of lunatics; as to Kropotkin, he is just foolish. However, that is not all. "Direct action means doing things with your bare hands. The direct actionist will raise a car with his bare hands, instead of taking a lever." Of course, the lever is political action. "Because I work within the law," said Mr. Lewis, "I can speak in the finest halls in Chicago. But look at E. G., she is a direct actionist, she must speak in dirty halls. What, then, does she accomplish?"

There was much more of such wisdom, but these quotations will suffice to acquaint our readers with the quality of the man's mind and character. Yet he has been for years the leader and teacher of some people; imagine, if you can, what these people must be. In the way of preparing his congregation, Lewis had the bad taste to announce a lecture on "The Failure of the Anarchist Philosophy," just four days before the debate. But even that stood him to little purpose. His insinuations, his cruel, unjust attacks on the I. W. W. boys, who now fill the jails in San Diego and who fought such a heroic battle in Lawrence, who starve and suffer, while Lewis travels about in his automobile, were more than even his sheep could stand. The debate itself was, of course, a farce. I had to use all of my time to defend the "bums, hoboes, and tramps," not so much because they needed a defence, but because all my sensibilities were outraged by a supposed Socialist using such "arguments" regarding a world-wide economic awakening. Then, too, it has always been an Anarchist tradition to sponsor the victims of political demagogues—the workers, used, betrayed, humiliated, and reviled by their leaders.

The Jewish meetings proved most interesting. Apart

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of being the largest, they were also the most worth while, because of their quality. Certainly no other race will furnish from five hundred to a thousand people interested in such subjects as "Art and Revolution" or "Chantecleer," nor will one easily find so much understanding and fine appreciation among other people. The credit for the success of the Jewish meetings is due entirely to Comrade Wm. Natansohn, his sisters, and our faithful little Dr. Miriam Yampolsky.

Our visit to GRAND RAPIDS, while causing a considerable loss, was made good through the reunion with our splendid Comrade Wm. Buwalda. He and Comrade Bergman certainly left nothing undone to make the meetings successful. But between the Catholic Church to poison the minds of the masses, and the numerous factories to emaciate their bodies, it is difficult to get a large audience. Our ex-soldier boy is as fine as ever. He is a shining example for the power of character that will survive all odds. And one must have a very strong character, to come out unmarred by fifteen years in the U. S. army.

DETROIT, with its memories of *Der Arme Teufel,* its recollections of roses, wine, and song, can never quite lose its charm, dismal as the present atmosphere is. The faithful Mohican of the old guard, Emma Clausen, acquitted herself admirably as an "advance agent." With Comrade Ben Gordon she worked for weeks to make my coming known, and their efforts resulted in splendid audiences. On the other hand, our friends Mr. McKenney and Dr. Carr, provided the social phase of our visit, which made it both pleasant and restful.

ANN ARBOR has undergone a marvelous transformation since our first experience there. The same students who two years ago nearly caused a riot, were as gentle as lambs, most attentive and respectful, which is a triumph indeed. To a large extent this may be due to Prof. R. M. Wenley, who had delivered a series of lectures on Anarchism, thus dispelling the fog in the student's mind. But on the other hand, it was our first visit and the wild display of the students which no doubt induced the good Professor to deliver his course. Whichever the case, the change has taken place.

MILWAUKEE, the ruins of the erstwhile citadel of Socialism, bears witness to the paralyzing effect of the political hashish. Heine said that to waken the Germans one would have to tickle them with a lamp post between the ribs. Since Socialist politics has entered Milwaukee, nothing short of a torpedo will awaken them. I admire the courage of Comrade Leo Copczynski, if he can retain his devotion and zeal in such a sluggish, deadening atmosphere.

MADISON is still on the map, but the students do not make it a particular credit to the rest of the world. There are exceptions, of course. The average student, however, could learn much from some of our Jewish shop girls and boys. The latter are by far more alert, interested and intelligent, than these pampered American fellows, to whom college life is but a means to more successfully meet the world of greed and power.

MINNEAPOLIS is always a joy, and our friends ever true blue. Alas, the unique little Bohemian studio, which so charmed us last year, is no more. It was raided by the eunuchs of American morals, because the artists had made the unpardonable mistake of imagining that art in America can go about without pants and skirts. Think of such a crime! The "offensive nudes" are now in the safe care of the police, and our group of artists scattered to the winds. Ruth is still here. She it was who arranged the meetings, this being her first experience; and she did fine. With her, Esther Rabinowitch, Ada Wolfe, Axelson, and a few more friends worked hard for the lectures, while our old companions Grethen, Caspar, Richmand, and one or two others, furnished the fellowship part of the visit, which made it both pleasant and useful.

OMAHA, while never overburdening us with worldly success, always retains a warm place in our hearts. No small part of that is due to the sweet and gentle spirit of dear Mother Fageberg. She and her girls are a most remarkable family; their devotion to each other, and their kindness to all who come to them, make one feel far removed from this petty, ugly world of ours.

Our ever young and vigorous Mother Fageberg is certainly an inspiration. I felt it more this time than before, when I listened to her reminiscences of her meeting Bakunin in her native land, Sweden, after his escape

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from Russia. The young Swedish girl carried away by the master mind and deep stirring powers of the Father of Anarchism. After fifty years of barren American life, Mother Fageberg is as she must have been then, in Bakunin's presence, idealistic and full of enthusiasm, now carried away by one who, like herself, received her first inspiration through the wisdom of a great teacher. How powerful is the Ideal, sweeping across space and time, knitting people together into one great, sweet comradeship.

Omaha added to our list of friends young Clarence Keelins, so unlike his generation. If only sordid life will not break him, he is sure to prove a valuable addition to our ranks. Also, our friend Sarah Vermehren, who faced the floods rather than miss the meetings. And, of course, our old faithful worker, Agursky.

After the impetus given to all of us by the Lawrence strike (for which, among other sums already acknowledged, $130.00 were contributed in Chicago), comes the battle for free speech in San Diego, which should enlist the cooperation and sympathy of every liberty lover. We have already started a fund, and will continue to hold that brave fight up before the public.

And though none else sees the tracing, he who has been touched by the Ideal must follow it to the very end.

EMMA GOLDMAN.

We mean to spend two weeks in Colorado, taking in Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Cripple Creek, and Boulder; thence to the seat of war, San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. We can be reached, until April 25th, Gen. Delivery, Denver. After that, until May 12th, Gen. Delivery, Los Angeles.

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ANARCHISM—The philosophy of a new social order based on liberty unrestricted by man-made law; the theory that all forms of government rest on violence, and are therefore wrong and harmful, as well as unnecessary.

BRIEUX'S THREE PLAYS

By M. BAGINSKI.

BERNARD SHAW contributed a long and clever preface to *Three Plays,* by Brieux, the most daring dramatist of our time. We use "daring" advisedly, because in spite of all our "enlightenment" and "modernity" it requires a good deal of courage openly and frankly to deal with the problems involved in these dramas; problems which, though they have long since revealed to the initiated the shame and incompetence of society, are still tabooed by the institutions that dominate public opinion, by universities and schools. These problems are of the greatest significance to life, to individual as well as to social welfare. They touch the intimate relationship of the family—of men, women, and children. And yet a blindfolded morality and persistent hypocrisy strive their utmost to keep these problems in the swamp of ignorance and silence.

In *Three Plays* Brieux boldly tears the veil off these forbidden subjects. He treads the path of Balzac, Ibsen, Zola, Maupassant, Tolstoy, Strindberg; but often he differs from them, in so far as the characters in his plays are entirely predetermined by their social conditions and environment; they flutter helplessly, like flies entangled in the spider's web. At every step the reader gets the overpowering impression of the necessity of revolutionizing social, economic, and sexual conditions of life, in order that the individual may breathe more freely. At every step the characters in the plays of Brieux run painfully up against the thick walls of social and moral prejudices that bar their way and hem them in, helplessly, on every side.

In the first play, *Maternity,* Brieux attacks the advocates of large families, of unlimited procreation. Who thunders loudest against "race suicide"? The capitalists and the generals. With good reason: they require armies of pariahs to fill their factories, they need the youth of the nations for the slaughter-fields of war. The hundreds of thousands of unemployed serve to depress wages, and thus increase the dividends of the wealthy patriots who, on their part, take very good care to limit their own families. In their case, many children would tend to

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Apr 2nd.

My dear: I have wanted to write you but have been too busy blazing a trail of infamy for the last six weeks.

Something seems to have broken in me. I do not care for anything any more. One thing, tho! I love you.

A.

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Apr. 7th.

Dearest: I hope you'll forgive the letter I sent you the other day. I have been a perfect fiend since my disappointment at not meeting you but believe I have recovered my poise.

There has been an epidemic of strikes in this valley. Fred is out of a job but wont apply at any of the shops where the men are striking. The I. W. W. has been stirring the men up and they have a few Cossacks here. One has to keep moving on the streets. I have never seen a strike conducted in such a dumb manner before – only the laborers are striking, with the result that skilled mechanics who are really in sympathy with them, walk into work past the pickets. A number of foreign women kicked dinner buckets out

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of the hands of some working men and lammed some of the bosses with whips at the Aluminum Works, but of what use is the strike when a great number of the men have just been laid off.

I did offer my services to Frick at the glass house strike and wrote an article for the strikers but the P. F. Press would not use it – it was probably too incendiary. My sister said today that I ought to have more respect for my dead mother than to be interested in strikes. I am deserted by my whole family.

The glass workers practically had the whole of Pennsylvania in their grasp. What fools! They have returned to work. Well, never mind! we have had sabotage taught here and it has born some results.

We are almost done in this town, I think; they always chase

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extreme revolutionaries out by refusing them jobs but they cannot chase me out unless I wish to go as I have the offer of the use of a truck farm, not for another, with all the stock on it. But think of the Katy-dids, my dear, and think of the chumming and the other work. Nothing doddinop!

It is so sweet of you to say you had a longing to see me. I, too, have a longing to see you and it seems more terrible every day. I am better, dear, but I drank, drank, drank since my mother died, until today – it was terrible but it was raining so much, you see, and I did not like the idea of the rain soaking into the ground. You see, we are all human, aren't we.

I kiss you, my heart of gold, and I lay my head on your sweet smelling bosom.

It is strange: I tried to obliberate you from my memory but I reckon for it

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you are in my mind to stay and I am compelled to tell you everything about myself so as to be honest with you. I have a new "sweetheart" – need the money – besides, I need diversion or would go mad – I need music, the theatre – money – money – money – and I will not work. I hope you can be my friend, knowing this, but if you cannot, I will have to accept it as I do everything else lately, with apathy – with apathy.

I wish I could lay my head in your lap.

Lovingly

A.

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Dearest: It is ½ A.M. I have just awakened and find that I am thinking of you; it is always so — sometimes I curse you for dominating me and I say, "God damn her — I will rid myself of her." Sometimes I have so great a passion to see you, a passion that would be assuaged by your mere presence, that I am compelled to plunge into a cold bath about four times in one day. I plunge into the wildest dissipations to forget you — my sweetheart says, "What shall we do to please you today?" and I often say, "I want to go in something fast — I want to ride like hell in a bubble", so we go so fast that one cannot even see the telegraph poles — how we escape death is beyond comprehension.

I am not happy too — at that — I have taken a "shine" to

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my sweetheart — he does not drink but don't care how much I consume; the result is that I do not care to drink while with him. I have never cared so much for a man before and he is the sweetest thing — barring yourself — in the world to me — he doesn't criticize nor insult me and the result is that I think a mighty heap of him

Oh! our paper here is getting some ginger in it — the editor and I are friends and, Emma, I think I'll put an article in it every week.

Emma, the fun I'm having! In the summer, after I see you, I'm going to some drowsy little town in Canada and just dress in a house dress and fish (I do not eat fish — bah!) and swim and ride horse-back.

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My eyes are not well again — it is on account of the approach of warm weather — and I fall ~~into~~ over curbstones and go bumping into New Kensington swine, in other words, the citizens.

I would like to open an artery at one of your wrists and drink some of your warm blood.

With deepest love,

A.

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Apr. 20th.

Dearest: I have just finished reading your article upon Christianity and it is masterly; how I envy you your sameness of expression. I could never give my thots upon that subject in such a dignified manner all I can do when I think of that subject is to curse and rave and use the rottenest language possible. I reckon the reason of it is that I have had the strictest kind of a Christian raising.

Fred is working at the Westinghouse Machine Co. in East Pittsburg and will only be home on Saturday afternoons and Sundays. I don't think I will go to him for two or three months so I need a rest. I am going to the country in a week to see whether I cannot make my legs look like something besides pipe-stems. I've been in bed lately – that I was piping out.

I cannot write as I would – there is an old buck here who wants to stay with me – old hypocrite

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he is sitting here talking to Fred.

10 P.M.

Well, they're gone – the old buck who licks his chops, and Fred. Poor Fred! he says his ~~rooms~~ bed at his hotel has bumps and bugs in it and they fry food with some kind of stinking greace. I dont want to be jubilant but I think he is learning a lesson. There are no first class hotels near either of the Westinghouse plants.

I have just been down to see my Minnie – a Jew girl, married, who used to do tailor work; her husband is working night turn – she does not read and is very lonely in the nights. I asked her why she don't go to see the other Jew women in town and she said, "Dā don't Penow nottin' – only to talk each about de odder." She said New Kensington would make the best person in the world crazy – no place to go – the people so cold – don't stick together in strikes. Minnie need to belong to a union. She says, "I do not mot car

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care for a seat – no, nefer!" She was dressing chickens for the holidays and she said, "I do not belief in dot business only I don't want to break my modder's heart." There it is, Emmy, the old generation holding the new back.

In the daytime I loaf a good deal in Florence office – there all the radicals drop in from time to time. I met a woman there who edits an Italian newspaper; she has a pleasing personality and is so brainy and is an anarchist. I was over there one day and came away and telephoned to Florence and started to imitate a dago and she let me go th. in a whole lot of ridiculous stuff and when I got thru she answered sweetly, "Florence is at the butcher shop." I saw her afterward and she said she never had so much fun before and asked me to dinner that evening. I will go again – couldn't go that evening – too full.

You don't mind my writing all this nonsense, do you, Emmy? It seems

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I cannot sleep any more.

Florence [redacted] or rather, [redacted] – she lives with her uncle, whose name is [redacted], is a girl of nineteen who is as mature looking as a woman of 45. She is a mixture of French and Irish and is the most unconventional creature I have ever met; she is fat but it is a hard fat; she has dark, strange looking eyes and dark hair and soft, caressing hands, well shaped but with spatulate nails. She thinks that when a woman marries, each kid should be by a different man. She has the prettiest mouth I ever saw. She said, "Almeda, you could drink 'til hell froze over for all I care, only you are ruining yourself and besides your breath isn't nice." So we made a bargain – I'm to stop drinking and she will stop using crude language – very vulgar language. That was a week ago and I have stuck to my side of the bargain. Florence means to marry for money only – she is unscrupulous and selfish with those she don't like. She literally

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oozes sex and tells me that there are only two men she has ever met often who have not asked her for intercourse. She tells me that she shakes with desire for intercourse but is afraid of 'getting in' wrong – that is having a baby. I am not telling you this for gossip I'm only describing Florence. I said to her, "Insidious poison, how did I ever become acquainted with you?" and she said, "I flirted with you."

Florence isn't a Christian either; she used to get a beating every Sunday when she lived at home – they beat her to make her go to church. She wants someone to place a bomb under every church in Kensington so she can light them.

She likes perfumed cigarettes only wont smoke for fear of ruining her voice – she likes drinks but says, "I don't like to hold Florence's head the next morning. She would like to masturbate only she said she read a doctor book once and it scared the

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devil out of her. I certainly have fun with Florence – we say whatever comes into our heads. I say things to her I don't say to you for I'm always afraid of losing you.

Well I've skidooed my friends of the underworld. I've found out all I wanted. I am disgusted – they go beyond the limit. Bah! But I've some wonderful stories only there is no use writing them – they'd never get printed – not the bold, bold way I'd write them.

I'm lonely – when I wake up in the night with horrors at something that have happened to me I like to think that some human is near.

Well, I'll smoke a few more cigarettes and dream of you before I turn in. I like to think of you from the first glimpse I ever had of you. I onight I approach you with reverence.

Florence never tires of hearing about you – she would like to meet you. I told her if she ever talked to you like she does to me sometimes I'd break her jaw. I gave her Hapgood's Anarchist Woman to read and

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she said Marie was a lazy slob without a spark of originality in her and everything Marie said in that book - as something she heard someone else say. She's wrong.

I'm to write a review of Berkman's book for the P.F. Press. After all this I.W.W. business is over, I'll write my heart out for them. We're just simply turning this town inside out. Run me out, hey? Not 'til I get damn good and ready.

And I aint dead yet and I aint done for, either

Love.

A.

Gee! I'm not sleepy yet. You know I think my soul is younger than Florence's - hers seems to me to be thousands of years old. I think I'll read "The Anarchist Woman" tonight. Jerry is a wonder. Sometimes I get down and out like him but something seems to save me - maybe its you

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[illegible], Emmy, I am writing a few lines! 1.30 AM. and not one to bother, "God damn it! what's the matter with you? Why doesn't you come to the point?" Partner I have [illegible] to [illegible] sleep [illegible]

[illegible] "I ask the reader to pause here and reflect. Pause before you ~~consider~~ conclude that this book is an indecent or immoral book. Reflect before you conclude that this woman is an immoral woman." What the devil's the difference.

Enclosed find a love letter from a man who means it – a letter to me. Poor soul! I mean the man.

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Apr 30.

Honey-bug: It seems to me, dear heart, a long time since I have heard from you. I love you – love you – love you – to me you are most beautiful.

I was talking to that anarchist woman who runs an Italian newspaper. To my great surprise she said, "Emma Goldman is no good. She works only for the money — you can ask any of the American comrades in the movement in Pittsburg and they will tell you she is no good – she stays wid a tousand men!" I said, "And what would be the difference, madame, providing she loved the thousand men!" She opened her eyes. Her husband is an I. W. W. man. She has lost his love. He is

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just now in jail. She says she does not care to know a man any more — she only wants to make men suffer.

But Emma, I don't see why she says such things of you — how she can possibly think such things when she ought to know how you have spent your energy.

I thought all people who called themselves anarchists were broad minded but I find that there is much jealousy in their ranks and I am sorry.

O, Emma, I'm not much good but I sure have faith in you.

Some

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[Poem, between 1912 March and 1913 Sept., New Kensington? Pa.? to] Emma [Goldman] / Almeda [Sperry]. — 1 p.; 28 × 22 cm.

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To Emma.

O sway, dear lily, on thy stem so slender
Dear aureoled lily with vesture so white.

Sway that the warm sun might kiss thy neck
Tinging thee pink with his desire.

Surrender thyself, O lily, that thou wilt not wither
And the wild bee will cling to thee, satiated, reluctant to leave.

O lily so pure! O lily so generous! I worship at the shrine of thy great sacrifice.

The mist is rising soon- soon- to enclose thee.
Thou hast lived!

Almeda.

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Ernest: It is quite [illegible] anticipation of [illegible] Think of me just now. I can not write much. I [illegible] again. I [illegible]

My sister is here just now [illegible] will be waiting for [illegible] She says I will forgive her husband [illegible]

I am [illegible] I am a poor one to give you sympathy. I know it is [illegible] hard for [illegible]

Sincerely

Alm.

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you! Perhaps I shall kill you some day. I do not know. I do not like this cooling stage — That has made my body so weak.

I make turbulent, wild, barbaric songs to you in my head. I am no longer jealous. Why should I be? The other fools do not receive the feeling you have for me alone. I know this, for no one has ever been loved before with the unique love I have given you.

Now you will think

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I am drinking. Not so. I red don't know what to make of me but I have found I can love you better when I don't drink. And I have found that loving you fills me with power.

I wonder if you are ever sorry that I love you as I do? Do not be sorry. Why should one wish to love as others do?

I kiss your mouth as one bites into an apple.

A.

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[Letter, between 1912 March and 1913 Sept., New Kensington? Pa.? to Emma Goldman] / [Almeda Sperry]. – 2 p. ; 23 × 15 cm.

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Do you know what Debs
said to me a few days
before I went away? He
said I remind him of
Susan Anthony and
he wishes all the women
had my splendid spirit.
Gee! I'm going to be a
good girl now. I'd like to
hug that man. I said, "I've
got faith in you all right,
Gene," and he said, "I am
glad". I alway feel like
bawling when I think
how some of them pull
the wool over his eyes. You
know that man – that
socialist – who wanted to

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keep me in North Carolina? Debs hugged him on the platform in front of the audience. He wouldn't do that if he knew what I know. I can always tell whether a person is sincere or not. Why I can feel it. When a person works for humanity for the money he can graft or for self aggrandisement he ot to have his gizzards cut out and me to do it – with a big long carving knife.

So long! I'm going to wash dishes now and sweet.

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Dearest: Are you very busy? Write to me even if you dont love me so well any more. I have been in bed three days from exhaustion. Raphael was here and says there is nothing wrong with me organically.

Lovingly,
A.

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Dearest: Don't be sad any more. I am tip top today. I am so volatile, dear, and each one of my personalities takes complete possession of me at the time it enters my mind. Sometimes there seems to be a force other than myself which seems to drive me.

I am not worth your being sad.

I never thought I would do anything mean to you – of all people. However that was "yesterday." But we are living today.

I love you utterly

A.

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It is hard to be my friend isn't it? O Jesus! Well, I'm no hypocrite with you, anyway.

I wish you were looking into my eyes just now.

A.

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O horrible, horrible fear that you have become indifferent to me. O, horrible midnight vision of you – so unsatisfying – gazing past me into the beyond. See, the walls begin to creep upon me – old hags with dead faces and living, clutching claws approach. They scourge me and I escape into the air but the sky is falling and only a tunnel is left to hurry back along into the house and the roof of the tunnel is sinking, sinking.

I hurry back into the house. ah! you are there. I seize a knife O, glittering edge, how beautiful you are! I long to cut something soft and white like ~~her~~ your soft white bosom. So! the

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blood spurts. How beautiful you are, crimson flood.

Your gaze is arrested, horrible vision. Now you are looking at me. I have compelled you to look at me. I am the Present. And I am part of the Future. But I am hell-fire when you gaze past me indifferently. I am hell-fire and I drag you back to me for there are many things in me you have not fathomed.

Horrible vision, peering into the future, you must pay attention to me or I will become mad and plunge the knife in deeper for if you no longer love me the future does not want you nor will I permit you to love anyone else if you do not love me for I will blind your eyes and leave you to rot.

Almeda.

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1912 or 1913

Dearest: I am up out of bed today. I made two different attempts to get up but fell and floundered around like a jelly fish. The red says I ought to stay in bed for if I do again I'm liable to have to run ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] thing.

I got your letter. O, you lovely bruised purple grape – you crushed pineapple – you smothered crab-apple-blossom – your beautiful odor of rotten apples. Will I come to Cleveland? Would I go to Kamchatka?

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Would I go to Kalamazoo? Sure – only don't notice my clothes. I have a friend in Boston whose husband is leading a teamster's strike. She has to hunt work and needs shoes – her feet are out – she has three kids. I am sending her mine – I gave $4.50 for them – the other ones are half-soled and old.

Never mind about not feeling as I do. I find restraint to be purifying. Realization is hell for it is satisfying and degenerating.

Love. A.

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[Letter, 19]12 March 4 [New Kensington, Pa. to Emma Goldman] / [Almeda Sperry]. – 3 p.; 36 × 22 cm.

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March 4th '12.

My own Dear – my cherry-blossom – my moon-beam shimmering on a dark pool at night – my mountain, so calm, so serene – my drop of dew hidden in the heart of a wild rose: I do not know whether I have lived deeply and passionately or not; if you mean have I ever loved a man I will frankly say that I never saw a man. I have seen bipeds who pose as men but never saw a man. No, I have never deeply loved any man. I seem to expect too much. The men are lying pups and all they are after is sex.

I am a good deal like a Russian Jew friend of mine – her name is Sonya. She said to me, "Dis coundry (country) iss no goot for a god-damn. In de oldt coundry you can eat a onion undt

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a piece of brädt (bread) undt you neffer gits de bälly-ache (belly-ache) but here a person hass de bally-ache üll (all) de time. Undt anodder ting – belief me, Mrs. Sperance, wheneffer a person gits marriett (married) she tinks she iss going to be in häffen (heaven) but belief me – averything iss a dirty rodden (rotten) fage (fake).

My poor Sonya! O, God! they put corsets on her when she came here and put her in a place where they sewed all day. Sonya ~~gott~~ got married but Mummie, her sister, stuck it out at the sweat-shop until she was "all in" and then she got married. I have promised and promised to go to see her but haven't. I hose two girls just love me. I must go to see my Mummie; you know she has auburn hair and I made

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a verse about it – it goes,

"Into thy glowing mass
I thrust
The thin line
Of my crimson lips
Thrilling
With lust."

The rest I don't remember for Nell Davis has the copy in her trunk and wont give it to me. You know that isn't poetry – it is just the way I felt. I don't know the rules of poetry and I'll never learn because my crop is full of all the government it will hold.

My Mummie was hunting a house with a bath and I asked her what she did in Russia for a bath and she said, "Are you cräsay? (crazy) We bäthed in da reefer (river). My mudder, she was the best swimmer and all us kids went after her. Now, isn't that just grand? I love that mother and I have been to see her. Some other day I will tell you more.

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March 5th.

Honeybug: Don't pay any attention to those socialists — their time is short. Did you read Roosevelt's latest speech? It seems that he has adopted the socialist platform in its entirety. The people will bite again. I admire him for being an astute politician. Now, if you weren't so darn honest you would learn how to be crafty and get strings on people. I have got "strings" on socialists here and I want to tell you that if they tried any stunts on you like they did in Dayton, they would wish to god that they never ~~saw~~ seen the light of day.

The socialists here have started a paper and want me to be editor. Well, I'll not do it. The editor now is that man who says that I ought to be incarcerated in an institution and just for that he is not going to get the $1000 that Robinson holds in trust for the socialist party; when he steps down and out then they can have the money and not before then; he will learn, I think, that he might just as well stop running me down to everybody that he meets.

New Kensington is not so much a mental prison that you think it is. I have been here two and a half years and have done some good. I have been the means of having the street paved from here to Arnold, the next station above and a nice side-walk laid. I have gotten the principal of the Arnold school to have lectures on sex delivered to his pupils; the kids up there used to laugh at a woman in a family way but now they revere them.

When the catholics had a mission this year, one of my catholic friends asked me to go to church with her. I told her that I would rather belong to the catholic church than to any other church and she asked me why. I told her that it is better to belong to the catholics than to the Masons and she got as mad as

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the dickens. But I attended the mission and put in a series of questions and after the mission was over a delegation of catholic women sent a representative to me saying that they always knew that something was wrong with me but that now they knew that I was demented and I sent word back to them to go to hell.

I haven't been able to do much with the New Kensington school. There is such a damn lot of christians in this town. The other day one of the teachers in the New K. school went to see a friend of mine and deliberately knelt down and started to pray. I say, "No quarter" for such people and I gave my friend a raking over the coals for not putting that stinking, virtuous, old maid out- so my friend is going to send her to me- you know that I need salvation- and I have a bucket of water drawn to pour over her, when she is in the middle of her prayer. I reckon that I seem coarse to you but I cannot help it; it seems to me that every one ought to respect every one elses views.

Two of our women ran for the position of school director in this town at the last election and almost won.

I want to tell you about the socialist local room here; you know, when I was organizer, I started a reading room. It has been used for a meeting room since but it has degenerated into a roosting room for tobacco chewers and spitters. I am going down and throw the old spittoons into the street. I've done it before and I can do it again.

I'll write some more some other day; maybe you will not like me after this letter. I am going up just now to put in a protest in our paper about your treatment in Dayton.

Lovingly,

A.

723 Fifth Avenue,

New Kensington, Pa.

My copy of Heine came from the "Hubbard squash" headquarters from East Aurora and it is the poems of Heine and not the prose. I do not know who translated it because I was too mad to look.

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[Letter, 1912 May, Los Angeles to] Mother Earth, [New York] / Emma Goldman.—
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I understand the whole affair was a frame-up. They wanted to destroy the effects of any demonstration under Socialistic auspices. The Industrial Workers of the World—many of them—do not understand that Socialism is international—not anti-national. The red flag is the international emblem of Socialism, but it in no way excludes or antagonizes the Star-Spangled Banner, for which every American Socialist who has any brains will stand, even though it is now under control of the capitalistic class.

The Socialists are the best patriots we have. They are not like the Republicans and Democrats, who claim to have a mortgage on the flag.

Socialists got black eyes and bloody noses in defending the flag in Union Square, and, if necessary, they would risk infinitely more in defending it.

Should the interests of Wall Street dictate war with Mexico to defend the "honor of the flag," then it is to be hoped that the Socialist Congressman and the editors of the *Call* will not fail in their manifest duty, and at once issue a call for a volunteer regiment of Socialists.

The *Call*, however, even beats the Honorable Victor in the disgusting rôle of informer. It has editorially denounced the tearing down of the national rag and cowardly insinuates the existence of a frame-up to disturb the meeting. The *Call* wrote in this regard:

We do not know for whom those who tried to disrupt the Socialist May Day parade were working. One thing only is certain—it was not for the working class. Whoever employed them, whoever urged them on, whoever paid them for the dirty business they started, does not much matter. One thing only is evident—the provocative agent takes protean forms.

Evident is only that it would be too great a tax upon the mentality and honesty of the *Call* to appreciate the spontaneous popular outburst of indignation and resentment at the sight of the symbol of robbery and murder spreading its folds over the First of May demonstration. And it is further evident to every intelligent man that the editors of the *Call* and the Socialist politicians have trampled into the dirt the best feelings of the men and women assembled on the First of May for the very purpose of protesting against the crimes and outrages daily and hourly perpetrated under cover of the flag which the *Call* and Co. are so eager to protect. In their petty political scheming the Socialists have driven their patriotic hypocrisy to the point of denouncing as police agents workingmen whose revolutionary spirit has survived the systematic undermining of the Socialist politicians.

The American proletariat will not so easily forget this Socialist treachery and the indignity put upon labor by these patriotic lickspittles.

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THE POWER OF THE IDEAL

> And he leaned forward and laid his hand upon the sleeper, smiling; and this only she heard: "This shall be thy reward—that the Ideal shall be real to thee."—OLIVE SCHREINER, in "A Dream of Wild Bees."

IN THESE wonderful words is compressed the deep mystery of the Ideal, which from time immemorial has compelled the idealist onward, in the face of all obstacles, in spite of all difficulties and misunderstandings.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., did not look very encouraging. Owing to the wonderful efficiency of our Post Office department, Comrade Browne—who had kindly offered to arrange the meetings—was waiting for my letter, while I was waiting for his. Thus three valuable weeks were lost. Fortunately, our Comrade has the qualities so rare among radicals: thoroughness and system. In one week he had our announcements printed and distributed, so that the meetings were far beyond our expectations, both in point of attendance and spirit. But, above all, the gatherings demonstrated the growing insurgency in Socialist ranks. Kansas City more than other cities of the Middle West has a large, conscious revolutionary, industrial element that is fast growing away from the political diet prepared in the Socialist kitchen. True to the revolutionary proletarian spirit, they do not wait for the political chefs to dish out their rations; they prefer themselves to carry on a vigorous agitation along direct economic lines, which is more likely to satisfy the mental and physical palate of the workers. Nor are the Kansas City boys content with mere theoretic diet. A number of them are now tramping to San Diego, having left Kansas City shortly after us, and reaching Denver when we were holding forth in that town. The circumstance gave us an opportunity to collect enough funds to enable them to go further toward the seat of war.

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After the milk-and-water Socialists one generally meets in the East, these brave comrades, whose deep solidarity knows no drawbacks, were very refreshing. Added to this was the reunion with several comrades who had traveled far to meet us in K. C. Our old warhorse, Fred. P. Young, ever on hand; Ben Capes, full of the joy of life, and bubbling over with mischief and fun; then Lowell Masters, from Nebraska, as simple and true as if civilization had passed him by. In such company and comradery the stay in K. C. passed all too soon.

LAWRENCE, Kansas, was one of the conspiracies of circumstances. Everything went wrong. But so long as the Ideal is real, such experiences are of little moment.

DENVER turned out to be the city of "miracles." At first things seemed very disheartening. Dear, staunch May Courtney, although poor in health and much harrassed by the economic whip, worked hard to make our five lectures successful. But with the original meeting place refused at the very last moment, and a tremendous rental for halls which *had* to be taken, the situation did not look very promising. The meetings were poorly attended and, what was more paralyzing, the audiences were spiritless and uninspiring. But for the excitement at the lecture on "Socialism Caught in the Political Trap," which nearly ended in a riot, thanks to the very high conception of freedom on the part of a Socialist, the first week in Denver would have passed very uneventfully.

Then the "miracle" happened. I was asked by the Denver *Post* to write a series of articles on the "Growing Social Unrest." At the same time, some newspaper women, who had been rather fair to me on previous occasions, undertook to arrange a lecture in The Brown Palace Hotel, on Rostand's great play "Chanticleer."

Feeling like *Patou,* I scented a rat at first, but when I was given assurance that I could write as I pleased, and speak as I would before any other audience, I cheerfully accepted. Who could forego the pleasure of telling "society" to its face how empty and rotten it is? And where could one find a better vehicle of expression, a more biting satire on all our cherished institutions, a more

unflinching attack on our tinseled culture, than "Chanticleer," Rostand's philosophic and poetic masterpiece?

Had the gods been in my favor, they could not have offered me a better opportunity to hold up the mirror to the parasitic Pheasants, the idle social Guinea Hen, the unprincipled Blackbird, the charlatan Peacock, the cringing, slimy Toads of Denver Society, and, not knowing when fate would so favor me again, I did my best to make use of the occasion.

George Bernard Shaw once said that as long as he wrote Socialist tracts no one would read him; but when he began to employ the drama to express his Socialist attacks upon the idle rich, the latter split their gloves in violent approval of his ideas. The same happened in Denver.

My five meetings of the first week barely brought enough people to pay the hall rents, and, but for the faithful few, the audiences remained inert. But when I spoke through the mouth of Rostand, when I made him expose the social cancer and bring home the dullness and monotony of the "elect" set, the cruelty and ignorance that meet the idealist, the pitfalls and temptations he must face, and the struggle he must make not to forswear the Ideal, the audience "split its costly gloves" in approval. That, however, would have hardly been worth the effort; the thing which was worth while was the presence of a few earnest men and women.

The intellectual proletarians are a new type in America, but an ever increasing and permanent type. School teachers, writers, artists, stenographers, bookkeepers, and professionals in general, are forced even like the workers to realize the terrible effect of the economic struggle. They are of course still groping in the dark, unable to find the point of contact with the rest of the social forces.

What if it is the modern drama rather than the direct industrial phase which opens up the true meaning of our social abyss to these people? After all, the modern drama is no mean factor in disseminating new ideas, in pulling men and women out of their self-satisfied complacency, their mental laziness, their soul indifference.

I was therefore glad to find a number of eager and earnest people, who, after a hard day's work in school, office, or university, flocked to the drama lectures every

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day from 5 to 6.30, and listened with an intensity and appreciation which only those who really want to know display.

Space will not permit me to do justice to all who joined the "class." But a few impressed themselves so strongly on my memory, I must say a word about them. There is Mrs. McFarland, a most wonderfully striking personality, instructor in the literary department of the Denver University and, as I have been told, a very brilliant teacher herself. Her face reminds me of Sonya Kovalevskaya, with eyes so big and deep and sad. She absorbed herself so much in the short course, that when I announced the possibility of my return in June, she immediately offered to keep up the work which I started during our Denver visit.

There is Miss Kennan, a most scholarly woman, with a broad and big outlook on life, so rare among American women teachers. There is also Miss Nef, an enthusiast and an eager seeker for social truths. And there were other women, mostly tired, weary, and worn from the terrible struggle for existence. Not least among them, there was a pale-faced earnest newspaper girl, deeply absorbed in the modern economic methods of warfare, syndicalism and direct action. All these intellectual wage slaves came to learn, to find an explanation for the growing unrest of their own class, and how they might become factors in the tide of the greater social awakening.

Nor seems their interest to be momentary, or a mere fad; else they would not so willingly have grouped themselves around Mrs. McFarland, who is now continuing the *causeries* we have started, "to keep the group together until your return," she said in her wonderfully melodious voice.

The most important part of the French propaganda consists in just such small *causeries*, groups of people who discuss all the important phases of the great social struggle. If the Denver venture would serve as an inspiration for other places, there might in time be born a vital intellectual and radical movement that would prepare the soil for bigger and more far-reaching things.

We came to the Rocky Mountain City for five lectures only, but remained till fourteen meetings were held and five articles written and published, all of which was accomplished in thirteen days. As behooves the American spirit, "hurry up, step lively." But where there is a will, there is a way; besides, with the ardent help of Comrades May Courtney, Dr. Wey, Citron, Hurowitch, Frank and Lena Monroe, the two Cohen sisters, and John Spies, Anarchists of old standing, the true Russian souls, Semionof and his wife, the feat did not seem quite so terrible. But the strenuous side was all forgotten in the pleasant social at the studio of our old friend Elder, who also furnished the music.

However, the Denver "miracle" is not at an end; we are to return later on for a month, at the request of the Denver *Post*, if only the wind does not blow in another direction, which in newspaper ethics and the Colorado climate is apt to happen.

After Denver, SALT LAKE CITY appeared tame, even though it is a Mormon town. But we were glad to come back there, because of our loyal circle, among them a very courageous and able little woman, Virginia Stephen, who is an instructor in the art department at the University of Utah, notwithstanding which she carries on active work in the Sunday class of the Modern School, started by Thurston Brown. It was this friend who had also arranged our meetings. If the *intelligensia* of America, like their Russian confrères, are beginning to make common cause with the people, there is hope for this country.

Just at present the attention of all earnest rebels must be directed toward Mexico, where the heroic struggle of the peons is to be terminated by the mailed fist of Uncle Sam. And also to San Diego, where that terrible fist has already committed enough crimes to condemn it unto all eternity. It is only since our arrival in Los Angeles that we have learned of all the horrors in San Diego, but as we expect to go there ourselves, we will report matters in the next issue. Meanwhile, we have collected some money for the free speech fight, and we shall continue to raise funds till that great struggle is fought to a successful issue.

For this and the next month we have a hard siege before us: Los Angeles, ten days; San Francisco for a similar length of time; Portland for six lectures; Seattle for about two weeks. Mail will reach us until May 28th,

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at San Francisco; June 3rd—10th, Portland; June 10th—17th, Seattle. All directed to General Delivery.

"This shall be thy reward—that the Ideal shall be real to thee." With that, nothing else matters.

EMMA GOLDMAN.

Collected for the Free Speech Fight, San Diego, Cal:—Kansas City, Mo., $18.00; Denver, Colo., $12.75; Denver, for the boys en route to San Diego, $13.00; Salt Lake City, Utah, $9.30. Also collected $5.00 from Rogers Baldwin, St. Louis, for Lawrence, Mass., fund.

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Thanking you for your aid in our fight for freedom, yours in the Revolution,

CALIFORNIA FREE SPEECH LEAGUE,
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APPEAL FROM LAWRENCE

Fellow-workers and Comrades! As was to be expected, the mill owners of Lawrence and other points, defeated by the workers in open conflict, have rushed to the blindfolded Goddess of Law to secure balm for their wounded hearts. We have been indicted by the Grand Jury as accessories to the murder of Annie La Pizza, a girl striker. She was shot in a police-created riot on January 29th, and in our belief by a policeman in uniform, one whom numerous witnesses recognized and accused in open court.

Besides this, we together with a number of other fellow-workers have been further indicted on numerous counts for "conspiracy."

Let the hireling agents of the masters swear to their "*instructions*." Our only crime is "Loyalty to the working class." If the reward for that be death, we will give up our lives with a song on our lips.

Because of the workers' struggle, in which we enjoyed their confidence and played a prominent part, $15,000,000 increase in wages annually will be reaped by the textile workers of New England, and there will be that much less profit to the capitalists. Therefore the masters are bent upon having our heads, and through the machinations of their legal and political puppets, they will leave no stone unturned to accomplish their desire.

Comrades! In this struggle, as in the past ones, we gave to our fellow-workers all of our experience, energies, knowledge, enthusiasm, devotion and love, that children may be taken from the mills and sent to the schoolroom, that fathers may receive sufficient pay to maintain their families, that nursing babes shall not be torn from their toiling mothers' breasts. We were violently taken away from the battle and held as hostages. Hitherto, men similarly charged have been entitled by law to bail in the State of Massachusetts, but this has been repeatedly denied us on judges' discretion!

Now that the struggle is over, it is proposed that we shall pay the price for our ideals and activities. It is the duty of the great tribunal of labor and of all who sympathize with labor's aspirations for a better day, to decide the question of our responsibilities and ultimate freedom. Fellow-workers! Gathered around this jail a few weeks ago, twenty-five thousand men, women, and children, members of our class, cheered and sang the songs of their love and feeling of solidarity for us. But this immense and magnificent popular demonstration was not enough to convince the masters of our innocence. Thus again the lesson has been repeated that the basis of law is not the people's will.

We remain, however, unshaken in our firm and profound belief in the final triumph of Truth and Justice. We appeal to you, each and all, to bear witness at our trial when the great cause of human emancipation, in the persons of two sincere soldiers, shall once again sit on the felon's bench to face and challenge all the combined powers of capitalist reaction.

We are innocent of any crime. We have fought like good soldiers a loyal, open, and fair battle, with the clean weapon of working class solidarity; against enormous wealth; surrounded by thugs with guns and clubs in a forest of bayonets; and we have won the greatest victory in the history of labor.

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Los Angeles, Cal.,

May 16th, 1912.

Mr. Fred G. Bonfils,

The Denver Post,

Denver, Colo.

My dear Mr. Bonfils:-

Since I received your very kind letter, I have gone through the horrors of hell, as you probably know by this time from the telegraphic dispatches. I am unable, at this particular moment to give all the details that happened in San Diego during my one day's stay there. I have attempted in as cool and impartial manner as I am capable of giving some idea as to what was really done to Dr. Reitman and myself and I hope that you can see your way clear in printing the article in the next Sunday edition of The Post. As to payment, you can do as you please about it. Aside of all the physical torture that we have endured, the experiences in that California City has cost something like $75.00, the Doctor being robbed of every stitch of clothes and made to walk thirty miles in a naked condition, not to speak of the fact that we have lost considerable because of our meeting being suppressed. But in sending you the article, I am not so much concerned in the money side, as I am in the desire that your readers in Denver and wherever your paper reaches, should know the absolute truth and nothing but the truth of the conditions prevalent in San Diego.

Please remember that the things which have been meted out to Dr. Reitman and myself have been going on now for over two months, only that the unfortunate victims of the mob in San Diego have so far been half-starved, obscure ~~victims~~ beings of our present social injustice and that as a result, few papers would credit what they had to say. You have met me Mr. Bonfils, so have a great many people in Denver. You will

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therefore believe me when I tell you that what I have said in the article is not only uncolored, but as a matter of fact, does not give half the side of the occurrence. The other half is not printable.

The Governer of the State of California has sent a personal representative who has taken sworn testimony of the most incriminating character, but so terrible has been the pressure so far brought to bear by a priveliged class of money mongers, that even that testimony has not been given to the public. I am hoping to get ahold of it soon and if I do will submit it to you, provided you will be brave enough to publish it, of which ~~I am sure~~ I have no doubt. But meanwhile, I ask you in behalf of the hundreds of victims who have endured torture and indignities at the hands of that blood-thirsty mob of San Diego and also in behalf of the principles of fair play and freedom of expression, to publish my article on our San Diego experience.

I thank you very much indeed for your kind appreciation of my ability and also for the good will you express in wishing to help me to come before the Public. I agree with you that it is largely a matter of lack of understanding, but unless some papers are as brave as you have been to give the truth a hearing, I do not see how the people are ever to know what the ideal I stand for really represents.

If nothing interferes, I hope to avail myself of the opportunity you wish to give me during the month of July. I would like you, if possible, to let me know in advance just what line of articles you want me to write. It would save considerable time, as I could prepare material in advance.

About the McNamara proposition, I will see what I can do. Of course, it depends entirely on the two men. If they do not want me to make public my interview with them, I certainly could not do it, but if they consent, I mean to submit it to you and then let you do whatever you please with it. The Posts of

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April 30th, Tuesday, have not arrived. The Fargo express Company seem to know nothing about it. I am very anxious to get them and would ask you to please make another shipment to my name, ~~Jefferson Square Hall, Golden Gate Avenue,~~ The Terminal Hotel San Francisco, Cal. Also, if possible, I would like another fifty each of every issue containing my articles. I have large demands for them from almost every part of Europe and this country.

Thanking you for your great kindness and hoping that you will print the article. If you do, I should want ~~five~~ 100 hundred copies sent to the San Francisco address.

Very sincerely,

Emma Goldman.

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San Francisco, May 29th, 1912.

My dear Mr. Schroeder:

As usual you are the most prompt and generous of my friends, of which I thank you very much. I haven't yet heard from Dr. Foote and if his condition is as bad as you say, it is most likely that I will not hear from him. However, whether I do or not I feel that unless your contribution comes from the Free Speech fund, I have no right to it, because I know that you are not engaged in the cupon-cutting business. I have written you day before yesterday, enclosing $200, on account of my debt to you, and when you write me in reply, I hope you will be perfectly frank with me about the check which I return herewith. If the money comes from the Free Speech fund and you want me to have it, I will take the amount off the hundred dollars I owe you; but I do not feel justified to accept anything coming from your own pocket as long as I do not absolutely need it.

It is a great pity that people are never interested in things further than their noses; else the San Diego situation should have aroused the whole country. Think of it! Day before yesterday a fellow by the name of Parsons got up in the unrestricted quarter and quoted a passage of the Bible. For that he was most brutally kicked about and finally arrested. Isn't that going some? Well, I don't care about how the eastern people feel in the matter. I am devoting most of my time to arouse public interest and I am glad to say I have succeeded some, and mean to keep it up as long as I am on the coast. ~~xxxx~~ We are going to Portland and Seattle, having dates for the next two weeks, and if at all possible, we mean to go back to San Diego. It is really for that reason that I was anxious to have you speak to Dr. Foote, but I understand, of course, that it is quite impossible in his present condition. I hope he writes. You can reach me until June 16th, General Delivery, Seattle.

Emma Goldman

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lured you, Mikolasek, and you followed her, like many another brave soul, in search of Freedom's land. Again you found yourself deceived, child of the people, again you found the same brutal hand of gold crushing life, killing, devastating precious life.

You rebelled. Yours was a sensitive, deeply loving, and turbulent soul. Though starving and homeless yourself, you could not see the people suffer; you could not endure and submit in silence. Then came the call of San Diego, the desperate call of your outraged brothers; and, as was your wont, you responded bravely, heroically. You took your place, you stood the brunt, all for the love of a great truth. Naught could stay your devotion and zeal.

Then they killed you, Mikolasek, in cold blood they murdered you, piercing your body with fourteen bullets. The craven cowards, they did so in the hope that they would also kill the thing you loved with all the passion of your great heart. The thing for which you had often staked your young life, the wondrous thing that you had chosen as your goal,—Anarchy, the most reviled and hated truth.

They killed you, Mikolasek, but out of your wounds rose your mighty spirit that is now dreaded by your murderers far more than you could have hoped for while you lived. They see it everywhere, your spirit, Mikolasek, and evil doers that they are, they feel frightened. Mikolasek, child of the people, your hangmen refused you even as much as man gives to his dog, a last resting place. And justly so: with the weight of your dead body upon their souls, they might never again know the joy of life. Therefore they drove you hence, in life as in death.

Thus you returned to the fold of your people. Lo, how they received you, Mikolasek! No king or ruler ever lived who might hope for the same devotion, the same reverence, the same honors that were given you, Mikolask, by your people.

Two thousand of your brothers gazed upon your silent, yet powerfully speaking, face. Equally as many accompanied you in deep reverence to your last resting place.

They showered flowers over your poor, defiled body; they sang the songs that never failed to stir your heroic heart, and they vowed to continue the struggle for truth and justice, for which you and many others have paid the price.

Mikolasek, child of the people, you have been returned to the cosmic forces of the universe, but more so you have been returned to the fold of your birth, an inspiration, a beacon light for those who will follow in your path, who will keep your banner high, who will maintain, even unto death, the struggle for your ideal,—Anarchy, the harbinger of truth, the great leaven for human brotherhood.

EMMA GOLDMAN.

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THE POWER OF THE IDEAL

By E. G.

> And this shall be the strangest: far off from the bursting sands where, to other men, there is only the desert's waste, he shall see a blue sea! On that sea the sun shines always, and the water is blue as burning amethyst, and the foam is white on the shore. A great land rises from it, and he shall see upon the mountain-tops burning gold.—OLIVE SCHREINER, in "A Dream of Wild Bees."

IT WAS in 1897 that I saw for the first time a great land rise before me, like burning gold upon the mountain-top,—California! And ever since I have thought that the great change in American life will come from there. The fascination of California has continued all these years, and always in moments of despair and disillusionment, I see the great land rise out of the blue sea, and upon its mountain-top the glow of burning gold.

Within the last two years California bids fair to make good her rich promise. The Mexican Revolution continues to surcharge the air along the border line, holding the California people in a spell of awe before the wonderful struggle of the peons and Yaqui Indians, who, without much support from the outside world, have been demonstrating what love of the soil and liberty can accomplish.

It is also California that gave the American labor

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movement a new direction. And though it ended in a seeming defeat, with the usual toll of human flesh, yet the sacrifice was not in vain. The privileged class has learned, as never before in the history of America, that labor also knows how to strike a telling blow.

Now California is again a volcano, the San Diego free speech struggle once more proving the farce and mockery of American liberty and justice. Thus California is ever the land rising out of the sea, with the white foam on its shore, and the burning gold on its mountain-tops.

Our first stop was LOS ANGELES, with its usual warm, generous comradeship. Our meetings, though very good, were to some extent impaired by the noisy and silly masquerading of the Shriners. Naturally, San Diego furnished the most important topic, as well as serving as a means to enlist the moral and material aid of all liberty-loving people. It was also that which brought together most of the radical forces, that hitherto had kept away from Anarchist lectures and gatherings.

The most inspiring event in Los Angeles was the cremation of our murdered Comrade, Joseph Mikolasek. Evidently the authorities of San Diego feared the dead Mikolasek more than the living, because they would not let him be buried in that town. But these good Christians do not know the power of the Ideal, nor the difficulties it can overcome.

Our martyred Comrade was brought to Los Angeles and tendered a last farewell, such as neither wealth nor power could have purchased. At least two thousand workers passed through the I. W. W. Hall, where our murdered Comrade lay in state, in a bower of flowers, to pay their tribute to him who had died for the ideal of human brotherhood. After a short, simple address, which I had been chosen to make, the body of Mikolasek was borne to the crematory, followed by a great multitude of men and women, who walked all the way. Ben Reitman, imperturbed and serene, carried the red banner, accompanied by numerous transparencies bearing the following inscriptions:

"The Defenders of Liberty are jailed and murdered. The vigilantes still go free."

"With the suppression of Free Speech our liberties are gone."

"Our fellow worker who was murdered in the fight for Free Speech in San Diego."

"He had nothing to give but his life. That he gave freely."

"Our silence in the grave will be more powerful than the voice you strangle to-day."

So tremendous was Labor's tribute to its martyred son, that even the enemy was impressed, the police actually clearing the way for the dead Mikolasek and his comrades. At the crematory Ben Reitman and others spoke, and the whole assembly sang the International and other stirring songs of the proletariat.

Nor were the living forgotten that day. On the return from the demonstration, two hundred of our brave boys, victims of the vigilantes, were given a feast of love. Never did a more solidaric and truly communistic gathering take place. Money, labor, and service were all freely contributed, and so was the appetite of the diners who had not seen much food since they were driven out of that hospitable southern town. Good fellowship and harmony marked the day, and all felt as if this infernal world of ours had been sunk into the sea. If only the Otises and the Spreckleses could have seen the gathering at the I. W. W. Hall, possibly their coarse brains and dead hearts might have gotten a glimpse of a new world, a new life, a new human relationship. Possibly!

One other event was enacted during our stay in Los Angeles,—the wonderful protest meeting after our return from the hell of San Diego. Two large halls were filled with indignant men and women, and thousands were sent away, although the two meetings were arranged in but twenty-four hours. The speakers, Anton Johansen, brave and bubbling with the spirit of life; Dr. Pandit, of Oriental culture and depth of feeling; C. T. Sprading, the passive direct actionist; McKilvey, Secretary of the I. W. W.; Ben Reitman, worn with torture, the letters I. W. W. burned on his back and Anarchism burned into his heart; and myself, —all spoke twice on that day, but with the enthusiasm and indignation flowing in our blood, we could have addressed many more audiences.

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The social fellow-feeling during our stay in Los Angeles was a most wonderful manifestation, the comrades doing their utmost to make us forget our terrible experience in San Diego, and to show their appreciation of our efforts. That and the dance arranged to aid in the Free Speech fight, made us vividly realize the power, the great knitting force, of the Ideal.

Comrade C. T. Sprading and sweet Ada Sprading acted as the vanguard in preparing the meetings, as well as our hosts. Comrades Pandit, Freedman, Ellsworth, Kaufman, Cravello, Joe Edelsohn, and Jack Whyte, one of the ablest of the San Diego I. W. W., aided in the hard work and helped to make the meetings a success; our friends Stringer and Evans ministered to Ben's bruised body and to our tired spirits, and faithful Comrade Victor and Dr. Price showered flowers upon our path.

SAN FRANCISCO was equally eventful. It began with an official and public reception on the part of the Mayor, plain clothes men, reporters and cameras, all ready at the station to greet us. Thanks to the thoughtfulness of our friend Rebekah Raney, we were spared the honors and quickly driven to the hotel. There began a perfect orgy of work, meetings every night, drama classes every day, and no end of publicity work to make the vigilantes known in all their horrible savagery. And last, but not least, social affairs which our kind friends and comrades had arranged.

The soil had been thoroughly prepared by our own "Mickie," Kassel, Balinsky, Briesen, Morton, Rebekah Raney, and her chum Gladys. Added to that came the San Diego atrocities, which not only advertised our meetings extensively, but also added much color to our San Francisco stay.

The lecture on "Socialism Caught in the Political Trap" proved most interesting, inasmuch as it emphasized the tremendous insurgency in the Socialist party ranks. What a pity we lack a Tom Mann in America, to gather up the forces that are sick to their very souls with the opportunistic compromises of the party? The soil has never been more ripe, the material never more ready for a real revolutionary Syndicalist movement. But it will come; it must come. Indeed, it is in the very making. Meanwhile, Socialism is indeed caught in the political trap, and is doing its utmost to hasten the day.

The climax in San Francisco took place at the Trades Council Hall, Sunday, May 26th. Over a thousand workers gathered to protest against the twentieth century inquisition in San Diego. Anton Johansen spoke, urging a boycott against the San Diego fair, until its citizens will be cured from their rabies. Ben Reitman related in a simple manner the gruesome story of the night of May 14th, and I told my own experience, also delivering the "treasonable" lecture prohibited in San Diego, on "the Enemy of the People." The meeting was wonderfully stimulating and inspiring. The evening closed our very eventful and rich visit to San Francisco, bringing both mirth and pathos into the lecture on "Woman's Inhumanity to Man."

Needless to say, the agitation against the atrocities in the southern city will not end with our meetings in San Francisco. Already a regular campaign has been started, which is to be kept up until the backbone of the vigilante gang is broken. Sunday, June 9th, has been set for a monster meeting at Dreamland Rink, with Mrs. Fremont Older and other well-known speakers of San Francisco, who feel the shame of California too deeply to submit supinely to the horrors perpetrated in one of its cities.

Much credit for stimulating interest in the San Diego situation, as well as for a good deal of the success of our meetings, is due to a large extent to Mr. Fremont Older of the San Francisco *Bulletin*. He is perhaps the one man on a capitalist sheet brave enough to plead the cause of labor and human freedom. It was he who, at the risk of his position and against the will of the owner of the paper and of many of his conservative friends, made a valiant fight in behalf of the McNamaras. And it is Mr. Older again who is fearless and defiant in the San Diego free speech fight. It was also the *Bulletin* that published the report of H. Weinstock, the commissioner sent by the Governor of the State to investigate the San Diego situation,—a report so powerful in its condemnation of the things

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lone in that city that, if there were even a single shred of justice, the vigilantes and the police would now be in San Quentin.

He is most free who stands alone; but it is a very lonely and difficult position, which few can endure. Mr. Older stands almost alone in his brave defence of the workers. Fortunately for him, Mrs. Older is herself a courageous fighter, giving much of her time to the I. W. W. agitation and to the emancipation of her own sex, which needs it very much. Also, Mr. Older has some very able and fair-minded co-workers on the *Bulletin* in Mr. John D. Barry, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. West, and others. I should wish for Mr. Older independent means to own a paper like the *Bulletin*, if I did not know that property is theft and wealth corrupting.

A few there are in San Francisco who embody all that one hopes for the future man—strength, beauty, and tenderness. Some day I may speak of them; for the present I can only state that they illumined our horizon and filled our visit with much joy and good-fellowship. Yet more than that: they proved a real inspiration, because it is their zeal and devotion which is helping to prepare San Francisco for the great things to come from there.

Apropos of the drama class. As in Denver, it aroused much interest on the part of teachers and educators, all being impressed with the necessity of just such a medium for social awakening. The parting was hard, but somewhat relieved by the knowledge that Mr. John D. Barry will continue the class. Thus the time and effort will not have been wasted.

Of course, there was the usual Anarchist social and dance, which gave all a chance to make merry, and helped to raise funds for San Diego. After that, Palo Alto was invaded, an afternoon gathering for the "intellectuals" who "came to scoff and left to pray." In the evening a meeting arranged by the Socialist Industrial Union, and finally a pleasant reunion with our splendid Comrade Nielsen and family. Then back to the Golden Gate City on a most beautiful moonlight night, and the San Francisco "orgy" was over.

SACRAMENTO, the dull capital of California, was very

dull indeed, but we were glad to be there, if only to see once more our veteran Comrade, Dr. George Pyburn, who, though feeble in body, is still remarkably alert in mind. His daughter Fanny and our faithful Comrade Marietta, made us forget the dullness and indifference of the town.

How wonderful the contrast between the patriotically drunken mob of San Diego and the fine comradeship in Los Angeles, the beautiful friendship, devotion, and intense interest in San Francisco. How very wonderful! And yet not so very, with the vision of the Ideal beckoning to the heights. It alone can perform the wonders, because it is the Power of the Ideal that gives one strength and faith and hope.

EMMA GOLDMAN.

P. S.—Till June 20th, we can be reached, General Delivery, Seattle, Wash. After that, until June 27th, General Delivery, Denver, Colorado.

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SAN DIEGO FREE SPEECH FUND

RECEIPTS—LOS ANGELES.

Collections at E. G. meetings	$165.00
Collection for cremation of Comrade Mikolasek	60.00
Proceeds, Anarchist Social	60.50
Collection at banquet	20.00
Total	$314.50

DISBURSEMENTS.

To San Diego Free Speech League	$55.00
To McKilvey, Sec'y Los Angeles I. W. W., for free speech fight	30.25
Expenses funeral and cremation	69.00
Expenses Walker Theatre, Lincoln Hall, and printing (protest mass meeting)	93.25
Expenses San Diego and publicity	47.00
Banquet	20.00
Total	$314.50

RECEIPTS—SAN FRANCISCO.

Collections at E. G. meetings	$154.00
Proceeds Anarchist Social	43.00
Total	$197.00

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have had a great deal of fun. None of them has been as much as slapped on the wrist. They proved to us that we were a lot of cowards, unable to protect ourselves. All that has been done in the way of retaliation has been to appeal to the government and the public for sympathy. We didn't even get that. The revolutionary movement of America has not justified its existence, at least so far as San Diego is concerned. For myself, I weep. I am ashamed that that great, big, strong giant, Labor, can be so readily bullied and beaten, and will not strike back.

A friend, whom I saw last week in San Quentin prison, asked me: "Why don't somebody do something?" I answered: "We are all cowards, I guess."

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TYRANNICIDE

By Walter Savage Landor.

DANGER is not in action, but in sloth;
By sloth alone we lose
Our strength, our substance, and, far more than both,
The guerdon of the Muse.
Men kill without compunction hawk and kite;
To save the folded flock
They chase the wily plunderer of the night
O'er thicket, marsh, and rock.
Sacred no longer is Our Lord the wolf
Nor crown'd is crocodile;
And shall ye worship on the Baltick Gulph
The refuse of the Nile?
Among the myriad men of murder'd sires
Is there not one still left
Whom wrongs and vengeance urge when virtue fires?
One conscious how bereft
Of all is he . . . of country, kindred, home. . . .
He, doom'd to drag along
The dray of serfdom, or thro' lands to roam
That mock an unknown tongue?
A better faith was theirs than pulpits preach
Who struck the tyrant down,
Who taught the brave how patriot brands can reach
And crush the proudest crown.

No law for him who stands above the law,
Trampling on truth and trust;
But hangman's hook or courtier's privy paw
Shall drag him thro' the dust.
Most dear of all the Virtues to her Sire
Is Justice; and most dear
To Justice is Tyrannicide; the fire
That guides her flashes near.

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THE OUTRAGE OF SAN DIEGO

FIFTY years ago a young lawyer looked out from his office window and saw a well-dressed, infuriated, mad, screaming mob, dragging a man by a rope along the streets of Boston. That man was Lloyd Garrison, and the young lawyer America's greatest orator, Wendell Phillips. So tremendous was the impression made upon Phillips by the terrible, savage sight in an American city, that he became the fiery exponent of the great human cause for which Lloyd Garrison had been assaulted by the mob on that day.

Since then we have no doubt advanced along the lines of intellectual and social endeavor. Certainly we have learned that justice and truth, for which both Wendell Phillips and Lloyd Garrison made such a brave and gallant fight, represent great ideals, now being accepted by millions of people.

But if Lloyd Garrison and Wendell Phillips had been in San Diego a little before 1 o'clock on the 14th of May, 1912, they would have realized that very little, if anything, has changed since their time. There was the same well-dressed, howling, hooting, and bloodthirsty mob, the only difference being that the victims were two Anarchists instead of Abolitionists. Equally so they would have realized that it is to-day as great a crime to work for the emancipation of the white slave as it was to work for the cause of the black slave fifty years ago.

On my previous trips to California I never failed to speak in San Diego, and I have never been disturbed. This time I had a double reason for visiting that city.

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First, to lecture; and, secondly, to learn for myself of the outrages which had been committed against the I. W. W. men during the last three months. Dr. Reitman and I could have slipped in quietly, but we had nothing to hide. Besides, we wanted to give the authorities a chance to make good their claim that they were not in league with the savagery and cruelties committed by the so-called patriotic citizens of San Diego.

We wrote the Mayor, notifying him of the time and the place of the lectures, and asking him to keep his subordinates from suppressing the right of free speech. In reply we heard from Chief of Police Wilson, ordering us to stay away from San Diego. As we could not possibly recognize the high-handed authority of this uniformed cossack, we determined to carry out our schedule as originally planned.

On arriving in the city we saw a large crowd, but paid no further attention to it, quietly passing to the auto-bus of the U. S. Grant Hotel. Then the mob outbreak began, the moment our presence became known. I shall not attempt to describe the language, the madness, the atrocities that raged around us. It seemed as if the entire city had turned into an insane asylum.

But for the pluck of the chauffeur, we would have been mobbed there and then. He raced at wild speed, with several cars full of vigilantes in made pursuit, screaming, yelling, and cursing the chauffeur. Finally we reached the U. S. Grant Hotel, in our company being Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Kirk. Mr. Kirk, though under indictment himself, showed wonderful bravery in meeting us at the depot—an act which was certainly as heroic as that of Wendell Phillips, who rushed out to the rescue of Lloyd Garrison.

No objection was made at the hotel. We were assigned to our rooms and, after some rest, we went down to the grill-room for our luncheon. Everything seemed quiet, when about 4 P. M. the head clerk announced that he would have to transfer us to other rooms, as the vigilantes had gotten hold of the registry and were determined to get us out of the hotel. Later the manager himself, Mr. Holmes, arrived, assuring us that we were perfectly safe under his roof, but that he could not permit us to go down to the lobby or restaurant, or anywhere in the hotel, which meant nothing less than incarceration. Again we waited for some time to map out a plan of action, but at 7.30 P. M. the horror of our reception was repeated, only in a more hideous manner.

Five thousand people, preceded by a hundred autos, with fashionably-dressed women and men as their occupants, with American flags, their riot-whistles creating a deafening noise, surrounded the hotel. Five hundred of these maniacs, led by a good Christian and American patriot, Francis Bierman, reporter on the San Diego *Union*, entered the hotel lobby, unfurled the American flag, compelled everybody to sing the "Star Spangled Banner" as an inspiration for their heroic work, then walked up to Manager Holmes and demanded: "Turn over the two damned Anarchists to us, or we will take you." Mr. Holmes replied that he couldn't do that. That it was the custom of the hotel to protect its guests; but that if they would quiet down, he would see Miss Goldman and induce her to leave the city. Thereupon the committee said they would wait, but would return, reinforced, raid the hotel, drag every guest out of the rooms until they would locate us. If they should fail in that, Mr. Holmes would have to pay for it with his life.

About 10 o'clock Mr. Holmes came to us and told us that he could no longer guarantee our safety, but that if we would leave he would give us protection. That we refused to do. Equally so, to act upon his suggestion to ask the Chief of Police for protection. We said that when we decided to go, we would leave as we had arrived—openly and without the support of the authorities. While we were discussing the matter, we were interrupted by violent knocks on the door, and a man (whom we took for a detective, but who afterwards proved to be a vigilante) stepped in and informed Mr. Holmes that the Chief of Police, with other men from the department, were at Mr. Holmes' office and demanded to see us.

Strange to say, Reitman showed greater intuition than myself, immediately suspecting foul play. He

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said that the Chief should come to us, but to avoid argument I suggested that we go down to the office of Mr. Holmes. There we found six men; one, a certain J. M. Porter, I recognized as the leading vigilante of the afternoon mob, and also the one who threatened E. E. Kirk's life in my presence in the hotel lobby. We were then informed that the Chief was in the next room and would see me first. Even then I did not suspect the conspiracy to which the police and even Mr. Holmes himself had lent a willing hand. How could I? We were not in Russia. We were in San Diego, in an American city, in the leading hotel of the town, at 10 o'clock in the evening. How could I for a moment suspect that human beings would be so bestial and degenerate as to commit a thing which would put to shame even Russia?

My conversation with the Chief of Police, his assistant, the head of detectives, and some other officers lasted but a few minutes. They offered their protection, which I refused, telling the Chief that all he had to do was to invoke the ordinance which has made it a felony to gather in the business districts of the city and for which three hundred I. W. W. men had been beaten, clubbed, arrested, and subjected to every cruelty and indignation imaginable. But the Chief replied that he couldn't do that, because the mob had outgrown his power. I then suggested that he resign, as he declared himself unfit to be a protector of so-called law and order. I asked him to let me speak to the mob from the window, as the office was on the first floor. I have faced mobs before in my life and have invariably succeeded in soothing them. But even that he wouldn't do, and so the conversation came to an end, the Chief giving me the cheerful assurance that he would turn me over to the mob the following morning. I replied that if I had to die, I was just as willing to die at the hands of the mob as at the hands of the police.

I immediately went to the room where I had left the Doctor. I found it locked, and then I suddenly realized the whole contemptible conspiracy. I demanded that the door be opened, and of course there was no Ben Reitman. I turned to the Chief of Police

and told him that if any serious injury should come to Reitman, or if he should lose his life, I would hold the Chief responsible for it; and, furthermore, that I would come to San Diego and take his miserable life; nor would I run away, as I am always ready to stand the consequences for anything I say or do. The brave Chief grew pale and said, "Why, we had nothing to do with it. You know yourself, we were in the next room." Which only added to his cowardice, as the whole wretched business was carried out with the consent and connivance of the police department.

For four hours I paced the floor of my room in agony, not knowing what had become of Ben Reitman, and knowing still less what to do, because I could not communicate with our friends in San Diego, as that would have meant turning them over to the police. At 2 A. M., May 15th, the house detective and another man came to the room. Nature does create some freaks. The man with the house detective had a most wonderful face, kind, tender, and human, but he introduced himself as a detective. He reminded me of a beautiful woman with a rotten soul. He said that he would not lie in telling me that he came from Ben Reitman, but that he was given absolute assurance on the part of some authoritative people that no harm had come to him, although he had been taken out of town and was now on his way to Los Angeles. I then called up Mrs. Estelle Kirk, giving the name of the detective, whom she evidently knew, as she told me that he was the only decent man in the entire department; that therefore it might be possible that he was telling the truth. But I did not feel inclined to believe, as I never yet have found a detective who can tell the truth. But the manager of the hotel begged and pleaded with me to leave. He said that he had sheltered us as long as he could; that he didn't ask us to come in the first place; that we were taking undue advantage of him; and that we were ruining the hotel and jeopardizing his life—all of which was true. I felt I had no right to drive the man into a still more desperate position, and therefore I decided to leave on the 2.45 train for Los Angeles. I ordered a taxi. On the way to the depot I could see nothing

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of a suspicious character. The streets were deserted, and San Diego had returned to its normal sleepy state.

I was just about to enter the car when six automobiles with the same maniacs—patriotic citizens—whisked up to the station, and then I felt myself bodily lifted up by the trainmen, pushed into the car, and the door locked. The train did not pull out for another eight minutes, the most terrible, the most hideous eight minutes of my life. There were the good Christian, law-abiding, respectable citizens, and the howl they raised, the language they used, the efforts they made to break into the train, are beyond description, beyond anything that the most depraved human beings could be capable of. After a seemingly endless trip, in the desperate hope that Reitman would join me at some of the stations, I finally landed in Los Angeles, only to find that he had not arrived. Later I learned of the horrible things that happened to him, the details of which our readers will find in his own article.

I have, of course, been interfered with on previous occasions in a number of American cities. Free speech in this country depends entirely on the whims and arbitrary will of ignorant police officials. But it was left to San Diego, a town which Nature herself has intended man to be happy and peaceful in, to suppress the right of free speech and assemblage and to outrage every vestige of personal liberty in a manner which would have put to shame the Spanish Inquisition. It was left to citizens who swear by law and order to break not only their own written laws, but every principle of decency and humanity.

Ostensibly the organization now known as the I. W. W. is responsible for the excitement and the bloodthirsty attitude of the people of San Diego. But after all, that is the indictment made against every organization and idea which the popular mind has not yet accepted. But whether the I. W. W. be right or wrong, they cannot possibly be so wrong as the people of San Diego who are brutally suppressing the right of free expression and who are committing acts of violence and outrage which would put every one of them, including the entire police department, into

the penitentiary for life, if the judiciary of that city were not as cowardly and craven as its citizens.

Men and women who are not ready to listen to contrary opinion on any given subject, thereby condemn themselves to the grossest ignorance and the most outrageous tyranny. If what the I. W. W., or any other undesirable, have to say is wrong, it will die of itself a much quicker death than if these people are beaten, clubbed, tarred, and driven out like wild beasts. Nor can anything I stand for be killed by mob-butchery or by police violence. The issue of Free Speech is one of the most vital and fundamental in America, and the very moment any given section of the country undertakes to suppress freedom of expression, it at the same time undermines every principle of liberty and condemns itself to death.

Fortunately for Reitman, he had money and his return ticket to Los Angeles. He could at least help himself somewhat after the terrible experience. But what about the hundreds of men, without friends or money, who were subjected to the same terrible outrage, except that their bodies were not burned or tarred? I understand that the Savior of the Christian people said, "Whatsoever ye do unto the least of these my children, ye do unto me." And yet the people who call themselves Christians and worship the memory of Christ, continue in a brutal, savage manner to outrage life, to beat and club men, to drive them out of town, to leave them penniless and without food on the deserts of California.

Verily, man's power of endurance is a very elastic thing, or the vigilantes would have long ere this been given a dose of their own medicine.

However, it has been said that if there is one innocent man in a city, that city will be saved. And there is such a man in San Diego—Mr. George Edwards, who is at the head of the Music Institute. At the critical moment, when even the bravest people lost their courage, this man, who had never before seen or heard me, offered me his hall for a lecture. I felt, however, that to accept Mr. Edwards' kindness and hospitality would have meant to endanger his life, which I certainly could not do. But it was his spirit

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of kindliness and the great friendship shown by the Kirks that gave the only spark of life and warmth in that benighted, maddened town, San Diego.

Life under our present system is not so great a thing that he who has an ideal and loves liberty should not be willing to part with it. But life in San Diego is worse than death. I cannot believe that the number of intelligent people in the United States is so small that they could not bring moral pressure upon that city to stop its atrocities. It was the intelligent minority which forced the Southern planter to stop his murderous treatment of the black man. Surely the same can be done to-day. It is with that in view that this article is written, and not in complaint of anything we have endured. It is also because I feel that the crimes, the savagery, and the unspeakable cruelties perpetrated by the San Diego thugs, with the connivance of the police and the support of the San Diego *Union* and *Tribune*, must be brought to an end. Crime begets crime, and violence inevitably gives birth to violence. If San Diego is justified in violence, why not its victims? To avoid both, I appeal to all fair-minded and liberty-loving people throughout the country to join in a determined campaign against San Diego and its horrors.

EMMA GOLDMAN.

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A PROTEST AND A WARNING

EDITORIAL silence of the New York press regarding the San Diego outrages, and the attitude of direct encouragement on the part of some newspapers, caused the undersigned to send the following letter to the press:

The Anarchists of America have for years been propagating in a peaceful manner their ideas for the regeneration of society. On numerous occasions the authorities of the various cities have subjected them to persecution and suppressed their rights of free speech. Nevertheless, in spite of all the violence toward them, the Anarchists did not reply in kind. On the contrary, they constantly emphasized the peaceful methods of their propaganda.

But violence begets violence. Terror from above breeds terror below.

The authorities in different parts of the country have recently inaugurated a régime of terroristic oppression against every opponent of existing conditions. Peaceful assemblies have been summarily suppressed, and the right of free speech abrogated by force of physical violence. The scene of the most brutal persecution is at present San Diego, Cal. Every vestige of free speech has been entirely suppressed there, and inoffensive men and women subjected to treatment recalling the pogroms in Russia. Irresponsible bands of Black Hundreds, known as vigilantes, are carrying on a reign of terror with the approval of the local authorities and apparently with the financial aid of the "respectable and law-abiding" element of the city. If the public sentiment of the country and the passive attitude of the press continue to encourage these outrages, we feel that the Anarchists and other social rebels will be forced, as a matter of self-defense, to answer violence with violence.

Not because they wish it, but because driven by utmost necessity.

ALEXANDER BERKMAN,
HIPPOLYTE HAVEL,
H. KELLY.

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A TRIBUTE TO MIKOLASEK, MURDERED IN SAN DIEGO

MIKOLASEK, child of the people, you left your native soil, the wild primitive planes of Bohemia, in the fervent hope that the new land may quench the thirst of your liberty-longing soul! But what your yearning gaze beheld was naught but rocks and stones, as cold as the hearts of the people whom you met.

You did not despair, Mikolasek, you took your place among your people, and gave them of yourself, of the wealth your nature contained.

Golden California, with all her treacherous beauty,

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Dearest: It was so very dear of you to write me that postal — it is so very dear of you to support my soul with the wine of your affection.

I am out in the country again. While I am worn out with the violence of living, harried and persecuted by ignorant people of New Kensington, I mix my cigarettes and my bath tub — mix them so much that I am not affected by remembrance of the fact that that [illegible] bring out the subtle twisted [illegible] of [illegible] out upon the field.

How beautiful! Here an [illegible] with a [illegible] — [illegible] — [illegible] — and [illegible]. Oh, how I can be good — how I can be [illegible] [illegible] pure. I'm [illegible] [illegible] what do [illegible] — a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] more [illegible] than [illegible] spirit of a small [illegible] [illegible]. 'Do not

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tell any of the neighbors that you know any anarchists or they will tar and feather you. -- Do -- ride around in the buggy with my son or the neighbors will make it uncomfortable for you, etc."

Ah, bah! it is maddening! How establish a so-called background in such a community. Not a great while ago a man and woman were tarred and feathered not far [illegible] their [illegible] they [illegible] the people upon made [illegible] respect which. They applied that [illegible] the men who did it were all [illegible]

I lasted [illegible] counting two days. The [illegible] good-[illegible] but the old lady was stealing [illegible] [illegible] I had [illegible] who did [illegible] and if I'd

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step out of the house should be at my back & my virtue was well watched — and talks I never heard anyone who could keep up such a continual stream of words — it was a severe racking. I cannot stand with nervous people & people who [illegible]

I need I am suffering intensely from [illegible] drinks hard [illegible] The day I [illegible] and I felt [illegible] and drinks [illegible] and made [illegible] I had [illegible] the day before [illegible] had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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and the last time I went blind and struck him. O I am so sorry even tho the provocation were great.

I [illegible] your letter [illegible] dear, and I [illegible] feeling [illegible] a small measure owing to the way I am persecuted here. You see, I have quite a few friends here, radical and [illegible] men and I allow my men friends to call at my home, of course. This has been remarked upon so much that I was given an hint by one of the police that complaints have been made at police headquarters. The man who made the complaint is an old enemy of the town, a Christian and a [illegible] citizen. Oh, well, I suppose one must pay for not being like other people [illegible] such a [illegible] company.

[illegible] I [illegible] a couple [illegible] men will probably [illegible] Emma [illegible].

Well, dear, I am glad you are on

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Election requires life in all, aren't you glad I am here waiting on you when you come to earth!

Sincerely
Almeda.

c/o Mrs Belden
Arnold
Pa.

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Honeybunch: I am nearly dead from lack of sleep; perhaps I shall sleep when I get out in the country next week. By the way — if you write, use the usual address.

I wrote you Gen'l Delivery, Denver, Colorado. Your address was in M. E. but someone always grabs that off me as soon as it comes.

The editor of the Free Press told me to ask you why you don't believe in organization. He is going to subscribe to M. E.

Wish you'd write, Hon, you seem so far away.

Florence was here to dinner this evening and I told her story after story; she keeps saying, "Who wrote that?" and I tell her that no one wrote it. She thinks I am foolish for not trying to sell the things I think. She is a dear little girl to me — has a fashion of sitting

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beside me and drawing my head on her shoulder and stroking my face – it is sweet because she does it of her own accord. Florence is one of the most handsomely gowned women in New K. It is strange – in her treatment of me one would think she were the elder.

An old married man asked her to go to Pgh. with him and she said she would providing he would give her $2.00 for car fare; he did and she didn't meet him. I said, "O, Florence, how can you!" and she said, "Well, I needed the $2 and the nasty old thing can't squeal for he is married."

Florence and I have a regular salon over at her office – men, men, men – even the chief of police. She said today, with a giggle, "Almeda, the people in this town could draw and quarter you and me."

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Well, we certainly have a reputation. and we certainly do enjoy ourselves. I wish I had a stomach like hers, I wish I had her aplomb and I wish I could lie like she does — she is the most amusing thing I have met in many a day. When she has nothing else to do with herself she sits and plays solitaire. She'll never lose out in this world.

Her aunt is very solicitous about her appetite in the evenings. I know why she cannot eat - it is because she is stuffed up to the eyes every afternoon with ice cream and candy.

Florence says, "Almeda, you are not built for this world - someone ought to take care of you." That moves me coming from a girl of nineteen.

Emmy, I know I could sleep if I'd hear from you.

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Dearest: I have been living on [illegible] Chocolate [illegible] for [illegible] months. That is only like a shot of mud. [illegible] cannot [illegible] It is quite peaceful here and the bungalow is comfortably furnished. I am [illegible] in Pittsburg, trying to get rid of our Farm and Country grit.

Peter has gone to Pittsburg this evening, she wanted me to go with her. This morning she wanted me to go to Sunday school [illegible] Fruitland said it would [illegible] good [illegible] level of [illegible]

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kinds and sorts and demands of modern my sister quite serious.

I would give a right hand for a cigarette just now. Of course I do not smoke. There is Barbara [illegible] she [illegible] the [illegible] I [illegible] the [illegible] I'm [illegible] if I can understand Christians.

I dared Barbara to read [illegible] this morning — she [illegible] at the chapter on marriage and [illegible] a little at it and said that [illegible] of the things you [illegible] that she would [illegible] herself [illegible] She doesn't [illegible] of it and says she [illegible] it again.

(1 [illegible] again my sister Emma wrote to me, "I believe in the divinity of Christ and [illegible] that myself and [illegible]

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will be happier if we obey the
laws of our country as set down
for us and accept the Bible as
a book inspired of God. But do
not let the fact that I disagree
with you [illegible] feeling
upon me. I do not [illegible] to
discuss Emma Goldman with
you as I do not care for her,
her ideas or her peculiar
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I cannot understand why
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[illegible] It is [illegible] I get I am going to [illegible] from your letters, I have been [illegible] it for nothing long [illegible].

I had [illegible] This is a very [illegible] and I get [illegible] be [illegible] full [illegible]

[illegible] feeling unaccountably sad. I would [illegible] long [illegible] head is on [illegible]

"What is a man
If his chief good and
market of his time
Be but to sleep and feed?"

The people of San Diego do not realize this. Ah, well, the poorest and the most ignorant in those western towns have a vision of riches. You

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have to wait until the vision of wealth and power no longer appears to the poor man.

I wish I had the comfort of your dear presence — just now. How good you've been to me — good even when I've been in ugly, jealous moods. I am awfully hungry, dear, to stroke your arms and face and neck. Ah, dear heart, how very grateful I am to you for telling me I will never lose you. If I could only do something big for you. Honey-bunch.

I imprint a slow kiss upon your mouth.

Almeda.

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Arnold,
Pa.

P.S. Hell: I'm going to get out of here on Friday.

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'MEANT BUSINESS,' SAYS REITMAN IN LOS ANGELES; ALL QUIET HERE

By United Press Leased Wire.

LOS ANGELES, May 21.—"They meant business; it was best for us to leave." This was the statement today of Dr. Ben Reitman, manager for Emma Goldman, who is here with the anarchist lecturer after being sent away from San Diego yesterday. Reitman will go to San Francisco tonight to prepare for a series of lectures there.

"The mob at San Diego was keyed up, all right," Reitman said. "Some people were spreading $20 bills on the bars and giving everyone a chance to drink. There was no mistaking the temper of the crowd."

Quickest Relief Known For All Sore Feet

The following is absolutely the surest and quickest cure known to relieve for all foot ailments: "Dissolve two tablespoonfuls of Calotide compound in a basin of warm water. Soak the feet in this for full fifteen minutes, gently rubbing the sore parts." The effect is really wonderful. All soreness—pain—instantly—the feet feel so good you could sing for joy. Corns and callouses can be peeled right off. It gives immediate relief for sore bunions, sweaty, smelly and aching feet. A twenty-five cent box of Calotide is said to be sufficient to cure the worst feet. It works through the pores and removes the cause of the trouble. Don't waste time on uncertain remedies. Any druggist has Calotide compound in stock or he can get it in a few hours from his wholesale house. It is not a patent medicine, but is an ethical preparation.

Reitman declared that he has no wish to return to San Diego, but that Miss Goldman wants to make another visit in the near future.

All Quiet Here

With Emma Goldman and Dr. Ben L. Reitman safely out of the city the San Diego police department breathed easy today and sincerely hoped that the pair will never return. At the station the calm that prevailed was deadening. All was quiet and the air of tenseness which prevailed everywhere while the two anarchists were in custody had vanished.

The one thread of the furore they created which remains to be taken care of is the case of P. L. Rossett. He was arrested while the pair were in jail after he had created a slight disturbance. When searched I. W. W. and anarchistic literature was found on him. His record is now being looked up by the police. If it is learned that he is an ardent supporter of the anarchists he will probably be asked to make himself scarce. If it develops that he was just one of the casual spectators at the jail and that the packet of literature was picked up by him through curiosity he will probably be released without the placing of a charge against him.

Chief Wilson received commendation from may sources for the skill with which he handled the prisoners and the throng which on several occasions gave promise of trouble. Many persons who had witnessed other similar demonstrations were amazed when they saw the pair and their advance agent, William Gorke, taken out of the city without being harmed.

Find Letter

What purports to be a letter from Emma Goldman to Kasper Bauer, it was said, was picked up on the court house lawn while the I. W. W.'s were on trial here last year. The finder said that it dropped from the pocket of one of the men on trial when he pulled out a handkerchief. The letter was mailed at Seattle June 3. It follows:

"My Dear Kasper:

"There was no need of your explaining why you did not come to the hotel. I understood perfectly, although the four hours in the hotel room between 10 and 2 in the morning being consumed by the uncertainty about Reitman, certainly made me feel the most forlorn human being in the town. But it's all in a lifetime, especially such a life as mine.

"I am enclosing the letter which Reitman received from a San Francisco law firm. I understand that Johnson is very highly connected and has great possibilities for newspaper publicity. I believe it would be a bad thing if they were permitted to take up the San Diego situation and work it in the way they have outlined in the letter. Not for a moment do I want you to think that Fred Moore is to be shoved aside. I believe that he has made a most wonderful stand and has shown remarkable pluck and perse-

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EMMA GOLDMAN JUST TAKING HER SEAT IN THE AUTO FOR THE RIDE TO THE SANTA FE DEPOT; CHIEF OF POLICE WILSON SANDING WITH HIS HAND ON WILLIAM GERKE'S SHOULDER; DR. BEN REITMAN ENTERING THE AUTO.
CROWD AT SANTA FE DEPOT AS TRAIN BEARING ANARCHISTS PULLED OUT.

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"What I mean is that the San Francisco firm should co-operate with Moore and that for the following reason: As is stated in his letter, he is a nephew of Gov. Johnson, and not being a San Diego man there would not be as much prejudice against him. Nor would he have to stake as much in making a strong fight. Besides, there is also another thing. I believe that the San Francisco trades council would much readier support these men than an out-and-out radical like Fred Moore. At any rate, I suggest to talk it over with Moore, show him my letter and the one enclosed, and then communicate with the firm. Please tell Moore that I got his letter today and will continue to do all in my power for the fight as I have done in the past.

"I have collected some money yesterday and I mean to keep it up until the end of my trip. I will write to Tveitmoe and Johansen and urge them to do whatever they can. I am also going to send them a copy of Moore's letter, but I will have to expurgate one word which sounds rather authoritative. He said that the trades council should be compelled. I am afraid our friends would resent that very much. Anyway, you can rely on my support. If only I will not have the same trouble in Seattle as I have had in San Diego. According to newspaper reports that is exactly what is awaiting us, but we've got to go just the same.

I am glad that you people feel that our visit to San Diego has been a good thing. We both feel that way, but we feared that the free speech league and others among the Socialists would misjudge our going to San Diego. However, I have always acted on my own initiative and could do no less in this particular case. Remember me kindly to Stanley Gue, Moore and other friends. Write us general delivery, Seattle. (Show the enclosed letter to the Kirks.) Fraternally,

"EMMA GOLDMAN."

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For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

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Portland, Oregon, June 4, 1912.

Genosse Grossman

Dear Comrad:

No doubt the papers of Austria have reported the events of San Diego, California, as they have really been of national importance. I shall not attempt to describe the horror of the twenty-four hours that we were made to go through while in that City. I am, however, sending you clippings, which give a fairly accurate account of the things that happened there. Besides that we have sent a lot of material to "Mother Earth" which will appear in our current issue.

Things have certainly changed since you have been here dear Comrad, and if they go on in the same way pretty much longer we will have a skirmish that the privileged class least expects. There is a most wonderful awakening all through the country in behalf of our ideas, especially in behalf of the radical methods which we have propagated for so many years, direct action and the general strike. Their efficacy was demonstrated in the Lawrence, Mass. strike, in fact to such an extent that the capitalist press is up in arms against us and the I. W. W. because of the very force of our tactics. The pity is that the ranks of the I. W. W. are sadly lacking in able and intellectual men and women, and also that the political spook is still rampant, although they have repudiated it from their party program, but after all it is a young movement, and certainly is full of great promise.

When in New York I always follow up your work through your papers, but I can never do so while en route as I am busy every minute with our own immediate work.

How are you, and how is the movement growing in your part of the country? Write me a long letter and tell me all about it. I am intensely interested of course.

I do not know at this moment when I will be back in New York as I may remain in Denver, Colorado for a month to comply with the unusual request of a daily paper, the Denver Post, to contribute a series of articles on the Social Unrest and our ideas. Certainly we do move, if a capitalist paper will offer an Anarchist, and especially such a one as myself, its columns for anarchist propaganda.

Hoping that you will give the San Diego struggle the widest publicity, and make your readers conversant with the work we are doing.

Fraternally yours,

Emma Goldman

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[Letter] 1912 June 4, Portland, Ore. [to] Ellen A. Kenn[a]n, Denver, Colo. / Emma Goldman.— 1 p. ; 22 × 17 cm.

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Portland, Oregon, June 4, 1912.

Miss Ellen A. Kennen,
1627 Washington Street,
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Miss Kennen:

I hope you will forgive me for the delay in acknowledging receipt of the "Post Law" and your very kind letter. I have been swamped with work, and at a terrible tension from the results of the San Diego excitement; and also the intensity of our stay in San Francisco. Our meetings in that City have been tremendous, and as I had a drama class besides, and a tremendous amount of publicity work to do, I was all in from the exhaustion and strain at the end of each day. Our visit here is a little bit more peaceful, so that I can clear up some of the most important letters of those so dear to me, and you are certainly among them. I am so sorry I will not be able to meet you on the road, as we are going from here to Seattle, Spokane and Butte, and then to Denver. Needless to say, our return to your city will not be quite the same with you and dear little Miss Nafe being away; but I am glad for the sake of both of you that you will be able to have a vacation somewhere in California. It 's truely a most wonderful state, both in natural possibilities, and also in the spirit of the people. I do not mean San Diego, of course.

I am sorry to say that I find the translation of "King Hunger" awfully crude and awfully lacking. Of course it is not an easy thing to translate Andree--he is such a poet, and his language is like music, it requires a tremendous intellect and a complete knowledge of the two languages to be able to render anything from the Russian into English. The attempt of the young translator is very commendable, but it is true just the same, and as I have said before, it is almost physical agony to me to see a great masterpiece butchered. The play itself if terrific in its force. I wish I had the means to publish it in a cheap edition and spread it broadcast throughout the country. I mean to take it up with my class in Denver; also Strindberg and Irish I am so sorry you will not be there. It is such a satisfaction to know some one in a class who appreciates and understands the great force of the modrem dramas.

Please give my love to Miss Nafe, and also to the Monroes and Speis, should you see them before your departure.

I will be glad to hear from you either at Seattle until June 16th, or at Butte, Montana, where I will stay until the 25th.

I wonder if you can induce some of the people you know before you leave to join the course in Eugenics, which I think will be tremendously interesting.

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Affectionately,
Emma Goldman

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[Letter] 1912 July [to] Freedom, [London] / Emma Goldman. – 1 p. ; 37 × 26 cm.

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there is an uneasy and increasing consciousness that the other side hates and threatens.

"It may be well the case, and there is every reason to fear it is the case, that there is collected a population in our great towns which equals in amount the whole of those who lived in England and Wales six centuries ago; but whose condition is more destitute, whose homes are more squalid, whose means are more uncertain, whose prospects are more hopeless than those of the poorest serfs of the middle ages and the meanest drudges of the mediæval cities. The arm of the law is strong enough to keep them under, and society has no reason to fear their despair; but I refuse to accept the superficial answer, that a man is an admirer of the good old times because he insists that the vaunts of civilisation should be examined along with, and not apart from, its failures. It is not possible to give the solution of one problem, the growth of opulence, and to refuse all attention to the other problem, the growth of penury.

"I do not assert that my researches into the economical history of England will throw a clear light on these complex and contradictory phenomena; but I am convinced that till we learn how it was that this society has grown and been collected, and how wealth has been distributed between labourer, capitalist employer, and those who enter on the rest of the inheritance which labour has earned, we shall only be dealing with the most superficial elements and the least important problems of social life; we shall be offered remedies which are more dangerous than the disease; we shall be invited to adopt as a complete solution of a profound difficulty, that which would make the confusion more inextricable, and the prospect of unravelling it more hopelessly remote, if we accepted it without reserve, examination, or anxiety."

THE SAN DIEGO OUTRAGES.

The following extract from a letter to us by Emma Goldman throws some more light on the treatment accorded to her and Ben Reitman:—

"I understand that the event of San Diego has been wired across, so you know what has happened there. It certainly was one of the most terrible things in America, a situation which did not prevail even before the Civil War. Of course the fight for free speech in San Diego is not the first, as you know I have been compelled to fight for every chance of free expression during the last twenty-three years; also the concerted fight on the part of the I. W. W., which has been going on for the last two years, has always been victorious in a number of cities. In San Diego it has reached the climax, because the city is isolated and consists largely of wealthy real estate people, retired bankers and army men. Never in the history of the United States have such brutality and savagery been perpetrated as during the last three months, nor yet has anything similar happened as that which happened to Reitman and myself. It was a deliberate conspiracy on the part of the so-called patriots, with the connivance of the police. Evidently afraid to kidnap Reitman in my presence, they lured me out of the room, and then six men with loaded revolvers closed in on him, bound and gagged him, and drove him out of town in an automobile. Reitman has written a detailed account in *Mother Earth*, which will appear in our current issue, so you will be able to judge for yourself of the things which may happen in a free country; but as our grandmothers used to say, 'There is a silver lining to every cloud.' Certainly if the 'Vigilantes' had gone about it in a deliberate way to defeat their own ends, they could not have done better than by the reception they have given us. The Press of the entire country is full of condemnation for San Diego—even the authorities of California have begun to act; and altogether the situation has received publicity which was worth all the horror and shock that we received. Needless to say, we are not yet through with San Diego, and are pushing the matter to the best of our ability.

"Our tour, which started in a very dull and wretched manner, barely making it possible for us to cover expenses, took a sudden turn when we got to Denver, and has kept up marvellously ever since.

"I am sending you a lot of clippings, and also a copy of an article which was extensively published throughout the country. Will be glad if you can make use of it in FREEDOM, as it is certainly well for the English comrades to realise the conditions in America. I believe we have good reason to congratulate ourselves with the result of our work, although it has meant pain and sorrow and suffering; but there is a tremendous awakening, and while Anarchism is being brutally condemned and attacked by the reactionary press, there still are a large number of daily papers which are beginning to realise that Anarchism is not merely the result of a "cracked brain," but is a deep and vital issue. Besides that, our propaganda on behalf of Direct Action and the General Strike is gaining ground more and more. Already it has brought the Lawrence, Mass., strike to a success, and is being discussed and written about within the last few months more than it ever has been before. Of course, the same is happening in England and everywhere in the world, as the air is surcharged with revolutionary ideas."

One of the above-mentioned clippings is an article in the *San Diego Union* of May 20. It is too long to reproduce in full, but the comment on the action of the Governor of the State in sending the Attorney-General to San Diego is typical of the rest of the article:—

"What the Attorney-General can accomplish in San Diego cannot be definitely predicted. It is possible that as the Governor hopes 'a solution of the problem confronting San Diego may be found,' and if thereafter from this knowledge and experience the Attorney-General can advise in such manner that other cities may be protected, San Diego will feel that her example and methods of dealing with the 'problem' have not been offered and exerted in vain. And since the Governor is eager to 'do anything necessary to provide requisite statutes' whereby the 'problem' may be more easily solved hereafter, it is suggested that he get busy at once framing statutes for adequate punishment of I. W. W.'s and other Anarchists who insult the American flag, who assault cities en masse for the purpose of filling the jails on trivial misdemeanour charges, hoping to bankrupt the taxpayers by compelling them to pay for keeping them in jail; who conspire to violate city ordinances; who preach sedition and treason from soap boxes in the public streets, and who otherwise conduct themselves with the deliberate intention of annoying the citizens, disturbing the peace of the community, and provoking the people to riot with the intention of calling down the wrath of the Governor of the State upon the harassed and harried community. A few statutes covering these phases of the 'problem that confronts San Diego' will go towards solving that problem; but it is doubtful if even Governor Johnson, wise and willing as he is, can solve it any more effectually than San Diego has solved it for herself."

INTERNATIONAL NOTES.

United States.

Though the 25,000 textile workers in the woollen mills of Lawrence, Mass., triumphed in the recent strike over their employers, who were forced to increase the starvation wages of their hands, the owners have neither forgotten nor forgiven their defeat. Not only has a part of their profit to go into the pockets of the workers, but the strike revealed to the public the horrors of slavery and child exploitation in their mills. On whom to revenge themselves?

Joseph Ettor and Arthur Giovannitti, the two Syndicalist propagandists of the Industrial Workers of the World, who had led the workers through the long weeks of struggle to victory, were chosen as the scapegoats by the humiliated and infuriated masters. A woman among the strikers was shot by a policeman. Though this was witnessed by several persons, nevertheless Ettor and Giovannitti were arrested for complicity in this murder of a striker! It seems hardly possible that such a ridiculous charge can bring our comrades into danger, but the Labour history of the United States has too many examples of the brazen effrontery of the capitalists when they are determined to carry terror into the hearts of the awakening proletariat. Did not Spies, Parsons, and their comrades fall as victims of such a plot? And are the juries, judges, and police now less willing to give a helping hand to a capitalist conspiracy?

Thanks to the enormous interest taken by millions of workers in the defence of Haywood and his comrades, these men were saved from the fate which organised capital had prepared for them. Unless an equally strenuous effort is made by the friends of Labour and liberty, Ettor and Giovannitti will pay with their lives for having dared to rouse and lead Labour to victory against Capital. An Ettor-Giovannitti Defence Committee has been formed at 9, Mason Street, Lawrence, Mass., which has issued an appeal for assistance in raising a strong protest against the intended outrage.

Italy.

After the condemnation of Maria Rygier, the editor of *Agitatore*, the trial began before the Volterra tribunal of the militant comrades who had led the strikes in the mines and factories of the island of Elba and Piombino. The Public Prosecutor had demanded a total of ninety-one years' imprisonment for the forty-six accused; but twenty-five of them were acquitted, six were condemned for incitement to crime to seven and a half months' each, whilst the others, accused of violence and insulting officials, received sentences varying from nine to fifteen months.

Whether it is strikes, anti-Militarists, or Anarchism, it is all alike to the capitalists and Governments, who go hand in hand in suppressing any form of revolt against Capital and the State. In this case again the law proved itself the docile servant of the propertied classes. Though the total of eighteen years is far below that demanded by the Public Prosecutor, nevertheless the sentences are a cruel and vindictive act of the Government against the leaders of a strike in which the workers stood up heroically for their cause.

France.

The Socialist Minister Millerand has presented his country and "comrades" with a new Bill which leaves every existing Bill against Anarchists far behind it. According to this law, every young man who has ever been sentenced for anti-militarism or strike troubles will be sent to the regiments in Africa. This means that the most intelligent, the most daring and generous youth of France will have to choose between the hell of the African regiments or desertion to foreign countries. In their mad desire to suppress the revolutionary propaganda the Government does not shrink from the most despotic measures, though it would deprive the country of the best of its youth, who would without hesitation prefer exile for life to death under low torture in Africa. And yet the same ministers lament the depopulation of France, and means and measures are devised to increase the

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capital is constantly becoming more intense and compelling, and the great mass of the workers will not be deceived by the crude clap trap of State Socialism.

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THE POWER OF THE IDEAL

> The man whom I touch, when he bends to pick up gold, he sees suddenly a light over his head in the sky; while he looks up to see it, the gold slips from between his fingers, or sometime another passing takes it from them.—Olive Schreiner, in "A Dream of Wild Bees."

PROBABLY no other trip in all my experience has better demonstrated this truism. So often it seemed as if we had but to bend down to pick up gold. But always there appeared a light over our heads in the sky; and while we looked up to see it, the gold slipped from between our fingers. Thus it must always be with him who is touched by the Ideal.

It is as hard to explain the peculiarities of cities as of human character. The most generous person often displays very petty traits. Equally so the city that often receives new ideas with open and ready response, will on some other occasion display absolute indifference. Thus Portland, for many years among our most hospitable cities, proved very cold and inert this time. Yet there was no lack of effort. True, our able organizers, Agnes Fair and the Holzwarth comrades, were missing; but Comrade A. Raymond was no less eager to make our meetings successful. At any rate, he left nothing undone, ably assisted as he was by Pauline Cantor and several other faithfuls, who helped to distribute cards and dispose of tickets. Then, too, there was an unusual amount of publicity by the generally chary Portland press. Some Grand Army men felt outraged because their hall was to be "contaminated" by a lecture of E. G. The worthy patriots threatened to raise a rumpus, which was grist in the mill of the newspapers.

The threat was not carried out, its only result being that we were refused several hotels, and that for many

hours we were forced to join the great unknown, whose daily abode is the public park. But having tasted nature's hospitality on former occasions, this did not affect us as much as the subsequent disappointment that the unsought-for sensation failed to bring out even the former Portland attendance.

Our meetings, except the first Sunday, were small and the audience inert. It was indeed a cold douche on top of the hot wave in California. I understand that the extremes of hot and cold are beneficial for some bodily ills, but I would never advise such treatment for mental troubles: the shock is very disconcerting and leaves a painful impression. Fortunately, our friends always help to overcome the hardest shocks. Little Pauline Cantor, Kitty Beck, C. E. S. Wood, and other friends made our stay in Portland endurable, though all else failed.

However, fate has not ordained that we should be overlooked for any length of time. Long before we made for Seattle it appeared as if San Diego was not to remain alone in its patriotic delirium tremens. A yellow sheet, the Seattle *Times*, jealous of the national "glory" of the San Diego *Union* and *Tribune*, began a mad campaign of American flagomania. "The flag must be protected. The city will not stand for Anarchism. Will not some patriots save Seattle from the treasonable utterances of E. G.?" and so forth.

Of course, the senile patriots and Spanish war veterans suddenly discovered their lost youth, and called on the Mayor to prevent me from speaking. When the Mayor insisted upon every one's right to free speech, the "law-abiding, liberty-loving American patriots" declared they would stop the dangerous woman by force of arms.

It does not take long to arouse a patriotic heart to violence. Hence the hall keepers were terrorized, the Mayor was worried, and our own comrades, with San Diego still fresh in their memory, felt anxious for our safety. And we? Well, the power of suggestion had us in its grip, and we actually expected a repetition of San Diego,—five hundred "brave soldiers" meeting us at the train. But whether the yellow sheet had concocted the story, or the "heroic" veterans had lost

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heart, there were no soldiers at the depot nor at any of our meetings, so far as we could find out.

"God save us from our friends; from our enemies we can protect ourselves," certainly applied to the SEATTLE situation. Mayor Cotterill, as I understand, has Single Tax tendencies, and that may account for his brave stand against the *Times* and its barking. He was, however, very anxious about our safety, and in his zeal to protect us did our meetings no end of harm. He turned out the whole police department, with the result that we had police in front of us, back of us, on the side of us, police watching the hotel, crowding our meetings, spreading themselves everywhere, even on the roof of the hall and in the lavatories. They even searched some people for weapons, all for the sake of our "protection."

Not being accustomed to such a display of official affection, we had to beg the Mayor to relieve us, especially as the ungainly sight of so many brass buttons frightened the people away even more than the threatened presence of the war veterans.

The first half of our visit in Seattle was anything but restful for delicate nerves, but after our "protectors" had been withdrawn, the timid ones—and they are always in the majority—took courage and our meetings ended as usual, with flying colors.

Seattle has never been an easy burg to arrange Anarchist meetings, but this time it required extraordinary maneuvring and hard work to make the venture at all possible. Comrade Sam Hammersmarck acquitted himself handsomely by his skill and indefatigability. With him was dear Jennie Lavroff and several others of the old guard, ever ready to help when they are called upon. Through their efforts, reinforced by our faithful mascots, Ben Capes, Joe Edelsohn, and "Mickie," the situation in Seattle was saved.

SPOKANE, Wash., was gratifying, mainly because of the fine, solidaric spirit we met with among some members of the I. W. W. Walter Smith, the editor of the *Industrial Worker*, undertook the arrangements of the lectures, and when every other meeting place was refused us, the I. W. W. hall was willingly turned over to our use. Furthermore, Ed. Baily, the secretary of the

local I. W. W., his wife and several other comrades helped faithfully in every respect. This was particularly inspiring because, prior to Spokane and when we were hard pressed for a lecture place, another group of I. W. W. acted very shabbily in refusing us their hall. But, then, no movement is quite responsible for all its adherents.

COLVILLE, Wash., is a mental graveyard. The greater is the courage and perseverance of our Comrade Otto Weik, who for several years has been trying to kindle the fires of life in that dead spot, but I fear me much he will not succeed. However, I was glad to have gone down, if only to assist our heroic comrade in his untiring struggle. Besides, it also gave me the opportunity to meet again our friend Mrs. Langdell, more delicate in health than ever, but as full of spirit and enthusiasm as of yore.

BUTTE, Montana, proved a great treat. It brought us back to the warm, tender friends of old days, Annie and Abe Edelstadt. When I look back upon the human panorama that passed my gaze during the last twenty-three years, the Edelstadts stand out as among the few, the very few, who have remained pure and true in their idealism, in spite of the economic grind, poor health and all sorts of adversities. Which merely proves that character is stronger than environment, stronger than external forces.

Like many other small trades people, the Edelstadts depend for their livelihood upon those living near them. Yet never have they denied their ideas, nor yet forsworn their colors. It is, no doubt, because of this great loyalty and devotion that our friends are so respected, revered, and loved. Would to goodness more of our comrades dared admit the things they stand for, since example more than theory is the potent force.

Our three indoor meetings made up in quality what they lacked in quantity, but the street meeting in behalf of San Diego surpassed anything we had ever before experienced in Butte. As a rule, I do not relish outdoor propaganda, because it is next to impossible to concentrate on a subject with the thousand noises of the street to combat, nor does it seem that a street

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audience can be interested for more than a brief moment. But our experiences in Butte proved an unusual and most fascinating event. Fifteen hundred people glued to the spot for nearly two hours, with an attentiveness and earnestness I have rarely found in a hall. It was a wonderfully inspiring occasion, not easily forgotten.

The few joyous days spent with our comrades Annie and Abe, Sadie and Albert Edelstadt, and Sam Stein, would have made our short stay in Butte a real holiday but for the very sad news that reached us there of the death of our brilliant and uncompromising Comrade Voltairine. The memory of her helped to knit us closer together in our determination to continue the work for which our dead comrade, more than any other native Anarchist, lived and worked so faithfully.

In the next issue of our magazine I shall give a resumé of our long, difficult, and interesting tour, and the lessons to be drawn from it. But one thing I know already, and it were well for every idealist to know, that "the gold slips from between his fingers, who looks up to see the light over his head, in the sky."

EMMA GOLDMAN.

P. S.—San Diego still looms up in interest wherever we come. Since our last acknowledgement the following amounts have been contributed:

Seattle, Wash	$82.45
Spokane, Wash	9.78
Butte, Mont	21.00
Denver, Colo	14.80
Total	$128.03

The money has been forwarded to Kaspar Bauer, Treasurer, Free Speech League, San Diego, Cal.

Also collected for the defence of Ettor and Giovannitti:

Spokane meetings	$17.00
Butte meetings	11.00
Total	$28.00

Spokane amount turned over to E. S. Baily, Sec'y, I. W. W.

BRITISH JUSTICE

(*Correspondence from London.*)

OUR old Comrade Malatesta is doing three months in prison owing to the "fair play" which is such a tradition of our Courts of Justice. He quarrelled with an Italian, an ex-Anarchist—with whom he was at one time very friendly—on account of the war in Tripoli, Malatesta taking an anti-war attitude, the other—Bellelli—taking the patriotic side. Malatesta and his comrades here issued a paper against the war, and Bellelli told several people that Malatesta had sold himself to the Turkish Government. This roused Malatesta, who issued a challenge to Bellelli, saying, "People say that you are an Italian spy. You say I am a Turkish spy. Let us call a court of honor. I will prove how I earn every cent I spend. You can do the same. This will clear both of us. As an honest man, you must do this." This was printed and distributed among the Italian colony. Bellelli thereupon sent MS. to a printer and got proofs of a leaflet he intended to issue, but at the last minute (probably at the instigation of the police) he told the printer to destroy everything and then charged Malatesta with publishing a criminal libel about him.

Comrade Malatesta was sent for trial, and at the Central Criminal Court on May 20th he was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, to pay the costs of the trial, and recommended for deportation as an undesirable citizen. The trial was prejudiced all the way through with charges of Anarchism, and when the jury had returned a verdict of "Guilty," a political detective (Powell) went into the box and launched a long tirade against Malatesta (not on oath), stating that he had been expelled from every country in Europe, had supplied materials to the Houndsditch burglars, and was the associate of coiners. The hypocritical judge, in passing sentence, said: "The Court does not take into account the fact that you are an Anarchist," and then gave him the before-mentioned punishment. Immediately protests came thick and fast, some of the papers on the Government (Liberal) side coming out

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Dearest: I have been thinking of you constantly lately. I am wondering how soon you will be free and if you will be too fatigued to allow me to see you. I know I should die if it should think what a wonderful thing I would have to do anything so delightful.

I have been living a rather innocent existence the last week - cooking and dishwashing. I thought I would not be able to stand it as sister is so very nervous and so ill-balanced. Sister certainly makes life miserable for everyone around her at times. But she is so very sweet when she is well and a regular Cheery Softness. Sister is hard to live with - she can make or dwell in heaven, purgatory and hell all in one hour. Bw.

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I understand her better than anyone. The slightest thing sets her off her hooks. I am the same way only I can hold it in and she cannot.

I am amused at the way sister's husband tries to make a republican out of me; he says I'll come to that. I was speaking to him of a peasant girl I once met; she was a Lithuanian — dull, sodden from the soil and brutish; she was cousin to the pig in her facial expression. In her home she dwelt with pigs and chickens and the floor of her home was the earth. Then I spoke of the horrible selfishness of her landlord. "Yes" said Arthur, but that would never happen if the Republican Party were there." Ye gods! Emmy, is there

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no corner of the earth for me to crawl to where I can have peace. Name of a name! The Republican Party!

My husband has not written to me since he went to E. Pittsburg the last time. I have been hoping that he is weaned away from me. Since the memorable day he went away that he would have me. But that would be too good to be true. I feel as free as air away from him and seem to have no desire for stimulants – it is very odd. And I forget him – it seems to me sometimes that my life with him has only been a nightmare. To my [illegible] I feel as though I [illegible] I [illegible]

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humble and get rich and as
soon as he makes his appear-
ance I pick the fellow. It would
be what I liked to have him
for dle me — liked to have him
rub my nude body and press
my bosom — liked to get in
bed with him and have by
the hour — liked to lie upon
him full length, with all my
clothes off but now I chill
with horror if he offers to love
me as I have taught him. But
his love for me still lingers
and I hate to hurt him — it is
a kindly hurt to lose a lover
so [illegible] delightfully. I
have never acknowledged my
[illegible] I had before,
but as the
time [illegible] to

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go back to him I cannot decide from telling you. I know that it is Fred's illness that makes him so nagging and crabbed but it is not that that queered him with me. I only have a pity for him now but will stick for comp as long as he is sick. All this has worried me. I am now terribly ill. I have felt so nervous that I would start to run on the street for fear the sky would fall on me.

I am going out to the country again and try to stand for their narrow-mindedness for the sake of the fresh air. The doctor advises me to go back to the country by all means. The woman's son out there loves me. He says, "I worship you — even if you were in the gutter."

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hands you would believe me. Fred didn't even have any money to hunt a job with. I have done the best I could for him & pity him so because he has lost the best part of me and I think he knows it.

When I'm out in the country, Emma, I carry my living — cooking, washing dishes, house cleaning. But what I like best is to work in the fields for the sun is so good on my tired brain — and I've known myself to be so hungry that I ate a half a pie while waiting on breakfast. I'm going out there again but the old lady has to let me have my own room so that I can be undisturbed. Poor thing! she imagines I am like her daughter who is dead. She

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is narrow minded but she has met some anarchists — Comrade Kissa and The Bauers in Allegheny.

I fear I am repeating things I have written before Sister! If Fred would be satisfied to live by himself I'd beat it to New York this fall.

Sister has called this evening — They wonder why I am not with them but I absolutely refuse to be bored by anyone who thinks dwell upon nothing but money and clothes.

O, Emmy, this last week I have felt that it is indeed good to be alive, in the first place I got that postal from you and in the second I have from reading E. Gallaher's book "Living Girls" I feel I'm equal to the

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loved by a man like that? He is a sweet dear. I was saddened, tho, after having read the book — saddened, saddened.

I am now reading Jilden on Gonorrhea or Syphilis — quite a change from Le Gallienne but I read everything I can get of him. He speaks of the interchangeableness of the so called specific infections and says that septic poisoning is capable of appearing as puerperal fever, erysipelas, typhoid fever, bubonic plague, diphtheria, scarlet fever, wound infection and all blood poisonings, including gonorrhea and syphilis. Jilden is certainly an unorthodox physician but has more common sense than any other physician that I have ever read.

Dear, my head is full of a

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terrible energy that I do not know what to do with. I must do something with it or kill myself.

I wish my head were resting on your bosom just now. Honeybug. I am so lonely. My sister and brother-in-law view everything from the capitalistic standpoint altho I don't see why. Arthur has nothing but a salary. He was saying the other night that the Dago who digs ditches is paid more than he earns – he also believes in Capital punishment. It is awful but there is no use arguing with a phlegmatic Englishman.

I wish you and I were putting out on the road, your country place. Everything would be [illegible] and upon [illegible]

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would don't speak — we would don't need to. And neither one of us would be lonely for a long time.

Ch.

c/o C. F. Frieman
R. F. D. 1 Box 71
Parnassus, Pa.

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Dearest: It is awfully kind of you to write when you need a rest and should be doing nothing but relaxing yourself. Please don't ever think that you cannot keep pace with me as far as correspondence goes — I do not expect you to — your time is too valuable to humanity. I would be content with just one line from you about once a month. I indeed, I marvel that you pay

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any attention to me at all. I consider myself very fortunate, indeed, to hear from you at any time and often wonder why you pay any attention to me. I certainly have not, done anything constructive enuf in the world to justify your wasting any time upon me.

I meant to write you the other night but there were so many damned noises about that I couldn't. The episcopalians were having a choir practice and their blatant bass sounded

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like a fog horn — down the street a way an Italian family has a phonograph that plays a Highland fling half the night — next door a boy of sixteen is 'learning' the violin and his caterwauling is enough to raise the dead — a couple of doors away a "Hunkie" has an accordian and a couple of doors away from that is a bake shop that sends out stinks all day long. Now, I know that these —

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are some of the insignificant things that I should not notice but I cannot help it. I am willing to die for humanity but I am not willing to smell stinks, hear blatant noises nor wear dirty clothing for humanity. To give up life is not so much for one's troubles are over when life is over – but to wear a dirty shirt waist or to be covered with vermin for the sake of humanity – O, certainly, certainly – no! no!

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I have been in Mt. Clemens before but it was when I was quite young. This last time I had a sickness on my insides all the while I was there — so many cripples who might just as well drink laudanum as not — I mean the paralyzed ones — so many who never bathe only when sent to the baths — so many who take the baths faithfully and their medicine faithfully, only to stuff, stuff and stuff their guts with food that

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the devil himself could not digest!

The women in the hotel where I lived didn't stir themselves only to take their baths and to sit out on the porch gossiping about one another and to do fancy work. Their systems were full of food to the point of putrefaction — some of them looked like a balloon tied around the bottom and secured by a string and they waddled like ducks. Some of them couldn't walk — I remember

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"I
one Hebrew woman
who was nothing
but a series of double
chins — her eyes were
two glowing lamps of
absolute misery —
and still she had
a tray of such food
sent to her three times
a day, which she
gobbled. She was dying —
she looked as tho she
weighed a ton — and
still she ate! — and
ate — and ate! Holy
jumped up Jesus! I
got out out of that
room I can tell you. Why,
I sat at table with a
man who had rheuma-
tism and who

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ate for breakfast, hot cakes! Hot cakes in the middle of summer. Nom de Dieu! Hot cakes, ham and eggs, breakfast food and peaches! Nom de Dieu!

What are my plans, dear? First of all, I must see you before the first of September as I am coming back here to perfect myself in stenography in September. Then, when I have mastered stenography, I am going where I can see you often

I have just slept

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– a beautiful sleep –
Fred told me not to
do anything only
just be lazy

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Cafe Martin, Denver, Colorado.

July 3, 1912.

My dear Miss Kennan:

I have your very kind letter of June 19th. I have been in this city since the 27th and have missed you terribly. I found a considerable change since my visit here two months ago, mainly because most of the people worth while like yourself and Miss Hafe have gone away and those who have remained have shown very little interest, except the faiteful few. I had hoped to have a course in Eugenics, but would you believe it, only seven people have registered for that, of whom four are old friends. Of course, I could not possibly begin a course with so few and with such little interest, which simply paralized me. The Drama Class is a little larger. We had about twenty people to begin with, the opening meeting having taken place last night. I would have given anything to have you present because I am dealing with Strindberg and of all the people whom I know, you are the most competent to appreciate that great spirit. I am afraid by the time I get through with some of his dramatic works, my women pupils, with the probable exception of Mrs. McFarlane will hate poor Strindberg, because of his blunt dissection of the woman soul and mind. Last night I spoke of his life. Tonight, I want to take up a few of his plays and show them up with others. He is so tremendously versatile that a two years course would not be too much for his works and personal life, but I cannot possibly remain here a month for the Drama Course alone. I am going to do it in two weeks, having four evenings a week. Outside of Strindberg I shall probably deal with "King Hunger" and a few of Galsworthy's plays. I have two public meetings next Sunday, and then the second Sunday, the 14th, go back to New York.

As I have already stated I missed you both very, very much and yet I am glad for Miss Hafe's sake that you went away. She looked so delicate and frail and certainly needed a change of scenery. Give her my love and tell her to take in as much of the California climate as she can. It will help her on her return to Denver. And you, dear Miss Kennan, I hope you, too, will enjoy your vacation for your own sake and not as the Christian that you are, for the sake of others.

About Miss Chase I don't know what to say. She is so very profuse that she makes it quite impossible for me to get at her interior, but as you know her better you are probably competent to judge. She has been very kind to me I am sure, but somehow I was not able to warm up to her as I have to you, Miss Hafe, and Mrs. McFarlane. I am very much in love with Mrs. McFarlane, because she is such a wonderful woman and has so much depth. It is really for her sake more than anyone else that I am willing to stay here another two weeks, otherwise I should feel very forlorn in this strange city especially since the Dr. has gone away to Chicago to rent up

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from the six months drudgery and sin experience in San Diego.

I will be so glad to get the Bernard Shaw article that you spoke about. I am not very enthusiastic about Bernard Shaw, never have been, at least not about his dramatic art. He is to me like a wood chopper, lacks refinement. I think Galsworthy infinitely superior to Bernard Shaw, but nevertheless I find his literature of sufficient interest to want to read everything he has written and hope you may be able to send me the little sketch.

Mrs. Tancig, I have not been able to talk to , but I will give her your greetings tonight and get acquainted with her if I can. I am stopping at the Cafe Martin, where thanks to one of my pupils who works in the place, I have been given two beautiful rooms for a small amount of money, and also we use the little ~~back~~ hall for our drama class. I have never been so comfortably situated in Denver before and therefore feel very happy in my new quarters.

I think that when you get back you can meet Miss Lockhaven. She is a splendid woman and one of the few true free women I have met in Denver. I am going to tell her to look you up when you return. You can help her through your scholarly appreciation of the Modern Drama and she can help you through her natural earth spirit. Don't you think that the two combined would make a fine match.

I will be very glad to hear from you. With much love to Miss Kate and yourself,

Emma Goldman

P.S. This was dictated, as you will find out. We don't [illegible] is due and very [illegible] I get tired and depressed, [illegible] no doubt feel the cold.

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Denver July 3rd.

My dearest Hobo, You are a bad Hobo to leave Mommy alone in a strange City.

But I forgive you because it is my fault. Why must I love you so much?

Why have I attached myself to you in such an insane clinging manner?

Yes, Hobo darling, it is awful to care for a human being as I do for you.

But if Hobo is happy and enjoys, I will not complain.

Our class was not bad for the first evening neither was it so very great, altogether we have but 13 people for the whole course, and 8 who took the individual lesson, of these four have subscribed to the magazine. I have sent out the inclosed cards yesterday and each of our students took a few to be sent to friends. If I would stay here a few months I would no doubt work up a school, but as it is- - -

I hope dear heart you had a pleasant journey and that you found your mother well. I hope even more, that my boy would go to the country soon, for your mothers sake and your own, Chicago is not much of a Summer "resort" is it dearest? Then too, if you do not go away soon, it will hardly be worth while to go befor I pass through Chicago, although it is not absolutely necessary that Hobo should see his Mommy, is there, do you think?

I love you very very much, but can not write much more to day, I have a lot to do, am expecting Mrs Mc Farlands Stenographer and must work on my Strindberg notes. Tomorrow we go picnicking without the drones though, since Hobo is not here to attend to them there is no fun. Yours wearily

Yours dearest

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I'm sending you Miss Van Ind's address, look her up. I know you love the widows of Zero, even if they themselves amount to nothing, they have at least bathed in the glory of their husbands.

I hold you close even if you is a bad and faithless Hobo. With much love from the Mountains and T.S. and a great deal of love from

Mammy.

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Denver, July 4th.

Dearest Hobo. I got back an hour ago from our "famous" picnic. It poured and we all were drenched. I came to the Hotel wet, chilled to the bones and terribly unhappy.

I was glad to get your letter dear, but sorry to hear that you had an unpleasant journey. I only hope you did see our Omaha friends especially Keeline. I wish he were here, perhaps I would not feel so lonely and dejected. Dear, dear Hobo, you are a strange boy. When you are with Mommy you are cranky and quarrlsome and when you are away you miss me. You say home is near me and that I am all to you, how can that be when you so eagerly run away from me? I think you are so constituted, you always want what you can not get. If only I would not love you so and shaw you my love, voud want me more and never go away.

I should say it was foolish to remain here, it was more than that, it was insanity, the class is not growing, we had only three people xxxx who came for the single lesson, hardly any one of our old pupils. And so you think, I wanted the drama class? Dearest sweatheart, what you dont know about your Mommy might fill several volumns. But what is the use talking of this matters. I am here and I will stay until a week from Sunday, but it was absurd that I staid.

I hope Hobo mine, you will carry out your plan of giving your mother two happy weeks, since you have never particularly wanted to give me that, I am glad there is some one you want to make happy, and of course,

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I am so glad it is your mother, she deserves it and needs it I am sure. Now be a real consistent Hobo and take her out, see also "something in your head will upset it all"

I have asked Mildred Morris to take dinner with me, have not seen her since last Thursday and next to Mrs Mc Farland, she is the most sincere of all the women I have met. If I did not have Ida Mc Farland, I should go mad here, but she is some comfort and will help me much while I remain in this City. To night, I mean to write my article I hope I succeed, I am not very inthusiastic though.

Joe is distributing the handbills, but as might have been forseen the I.W.W. help us only when they need us, or possibly it is because you have a way of making everybody do as you please. Anyhow Joe has no help and will have to distribute all the handbills himself, he is willing enough. I fear, my Hobo, you have spoiled me for all times to work with any one else, to quote you, "nothing does no good and no one knows how to do things" Only, when I say this, its true and when you say this you only imagine, at least your actions disprove your statement" that life is gloomy without me"

Well, dear heart, lets not argue, enjoy yourself and make your mother happy. With a great deal of love, more than is good for you.

Mommy.

Emma

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Denver. July 6th.

Hobo precious love of mine.

I was with Ida Mc. Farlane all day and on my return found your letter which I was so happy to get. I dont see why my letter did not reach you on your arrival, I wrote it on the third and another on the 4th. They were not very cheerful, but how can I be when Hobo has forsaken me. I am ashamed to say, but I actually feel lost without you.

The class last night was improved a little, two people paid for a course and several for individual lessons, besides that, I sold a set which we offer in N.Y. I have to send for what is Property and Conquest, to N.Y. By the way, dearest Hobo, if you can spare a few of my books send them, I sold the three I had and it takes so long to get them from N.Y. I have sent for some but will probably not get them until late in the week.

I fear for our meeting tomorrow, Joe has distributed nearly all of the handbills, but the papers have shut down on us completely, poor Mildred promised faithfully to bring a story yesterday and did not. The News man promised Joe and did not, neither did the Express, although Joe had absolute assurance. Well, the Post too is keeping silent. Mrs Mc Farlane went to see Bonfils, he promised of course, but nothing doing. You see, Hobo mine, no one succeeds as you and our meeting will have to suffer. I have sent an ad. to the News just now and will make one other attempt with the Post, but I have not much hope.

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What a terrible thing about Kaelins, I wish he would come to N.Y. and have Dr Stewart who has attended me fix him up, such a splendidly built chap to be crippled, it makes me ill. I have written him to day that I will pass Omaha next week and would like to see him.

My dearest Hobo, I hope you will not misunderstand, or doubt my love for you if I can not consent to your idea of spending a week with you in Utah. In the first place, I must, absolutely must get to N.Y. But aside of that, I have grown "superstitious" about our peace, near your relatives or my N.Y ties, it is therefore for the best, if we prospone our vacation. If you had stayd here, we could have had an ideal time, because the classes do not take up all day and with one meeting a week, there is not much to do. But, you either could not or did not like to remain, which is alright, only it could have been much to me.

I have decided to remain in Chicago only a day, then go to R. as I am hungry for my sister, and I want to be in N.Y on the 21st without fail, I want Berkmans book done, as I shall never rest until it is. Why? If I could give you the answer, you would not understand, sweatheart, so do not let it worry you. Enjoy yourself and take your mother out of Chicago as quick as you can. when you are rested I should want you to come to N.Y, dear dear, because I want to go to the farm to finish the book. Hobo, will understand and not get cranky.

I am sending you a letter from Fleming, you see how the S.D.

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spread, I also got one from Grossman of Vienna, will read it to you when we meet it is in German. Inclosed letter for you came from N.Y.

Nothing does no good and no one brings Mommy flowers, so I got some for Mrs Mc. F. and also for myself in Hobos spirit. Dear, dear Hobo mine I feel very unhappy without you, but it can not be helped. With much love and passionate greetings from Miss T.E. and lady M.

Ever yours. Mommy

Give my kind st regards to your moth r.

P.S. Never mind about ordering me book, I figured it might come on time from N.Y. Stanley Hall lectures are the 10 - 11 & 12th, am going myself Sda. also, Ada is planning a gathering here that is at Rec place The grand Doctor will be surprised to see me here danth you Dear I came and kiss me adieu.

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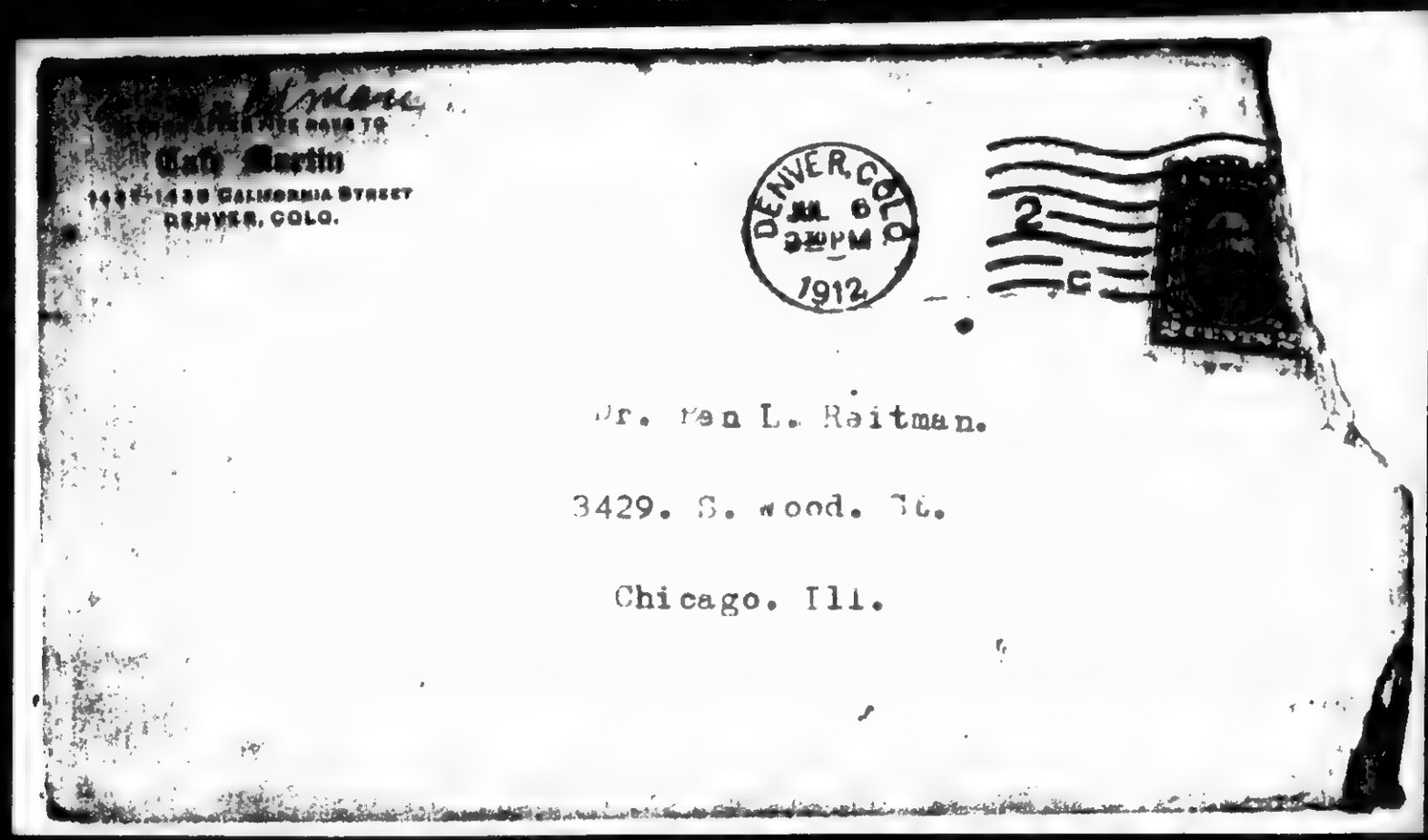

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Denver July 9th.

My darling Bobo. Forgive me dear sir for keeping silent several days, I simply could not write. It may be very weak on my part and indeed it is for a woman of my life, but when you go away everything goes out of my life and leaves me cold and inert. I felt it with terrific force Sunday night at the meeting. There were barely a hundred people present and scattered and uninteresting, it was cold, what is the use of wasting one's energies for such a thing?

Poor Joe, he realy worked hard, he is a born drudge, but, never will he be able to do the work you are doing, he can no more do that than he will be able to sing because others know how to sing. I wish dear, you did learn that. You are born for the work, it is no effort in your case, but it is awfully hard for men like Joe and it is no earthly use expecting anything from them. Of course, the weather had much to do with the failure of the meeting, it was terribly hot, and the subject too, must have been lacking in interest, whichever way, it was fierce and I suffered Hell.

My last meeting will be Thursday, we decided on that day because Sunday is realy a bad day especially now when it is so hot, I will speak on "Vice, its cause and cure" have ordered cards only 3000, because Joe can not distribute 5000 himself and the I.W.W hwo are great friends with you because they know how to use you, will not assist, so there we are.

My last class lesson is on Saturday and on Saturday night I leave there is no sense my staying longer, although the class is growing slowly,

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but one is not a machine and I am tired out. I have written Kaline to meet me Sunday 4 P.M. when my train gets into to Omaha, I will spend part of the evening with him and the other with the Fagelbergs. At midnight Sunday I leave for Chicago, the train arrives Monday 2 P.M. I will Hobo meet my

I dont know what your plans are dearest, if you take your mother out this week, you might just come in for a day or two, for thats all I will remain in Chicago, I want to see Annie Livsish, now since you told me of the terrible business after Volt, death, I want to see Annie more than ever, It may be only gossip that about Kucera, but if it is true we ought to know it, as he has charge of her Mss. Aldo, I want to see Beckie and Bill and Guy Davis I have been corresponding with. And, I want to see my Hobo if he will let me, he never does much in Chicago.

Precious Hobo, my love for you is not a healthy thing by any mean but I would not want it out of my life for anything, may be it is because the healthy things are usually so dull and the other though terribly painful extremely interesting. What ever lese you do not give, you are never uninteresting, I guess that must explain my love for you.

Stanly Hall begins a course of lectures here tomorrow, I am going with Ida to hear him Friday, he speaks on sex then. I dont know how I would have istavd thiese two weeks if not for Ida. Our own comrades, one and all have kept away, Citron, Horowitch, even the Semenioffs, I can not account for it, I am sure. The Mc Fatlands have been beautiful, bith of them well, its over soon and I will see my Hobo and have at least a few hours of Joy, which is all one should ask for. Write me what you intend to do. I kiss you dearly, Ever Your Emma

Send me Hobo's address, meet Stanley

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Denver July 9th. 7. P. M. [1912]

My most beloved in all the world, I wrote you one letter to day, but some thing in me cries out for my boy and as he is far away, I must at least write to him. I worked hard all day on my last Strindberg notes, The Father and Juliet. May be I too am infected by the heat of St Johns night which drove poor Juliet into the arms of Jean. Only, I should not be so foolish as she, if only I had my Hobo to take the M. and bite the T.B. But no such luck, always, when I want my Hobo most, he is far, far away.

Precious lover, I do hope you will not misunderstand my refusal to go with you to Lich. Believe me it is not because I would not like to be with you, for I may form relatives and friends, but I have learned that the one real joy was to be with my very long without going after other attractiins, remember last year in Maine? I do not say this in complaint sweetheart mine, just a little observation of life, thats all. Then too your mother looks forward to her vacation with you, as a thing she may look for years, why should I step in? And last, but not least, I must go to N.Y

Hobo will not misunderstand, and let Mommy enjoy the day I will be in Chicago, wont you dear? Please reserve a room for me at the Lexington, I like it there, on the shady side of the house where me and Hobo can enjoy a T. B. feast with flowers and silk drawers. I have already written you that I will arrive about 2. P. M. Monday, after I have washed, Hobo will take me to dinner at some cool spot in Chicago, is there such a thing?

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Then late in the evening, I might see Beckie and Bill. On Tuesday I will see Annie Livshis and may be that Fellow Davis and go out to Waldhaim, I will probably leave on the 5. P. M. Lake Shore for Rochester.

Dear, dear Hobo mine, I love you very much, but Hobo never can be will love me as much, his nature is so fleeting never on one place or with one person for any length of time. But I forgives you just the same.

I hold you close to me and kiss you passionately, the M. say Hobo bite me. The T. B. says kiss me love me take me.

Always devotedly your W

Mommy.

P.S. I have given your address, for my mail, as I am not sure where I will be

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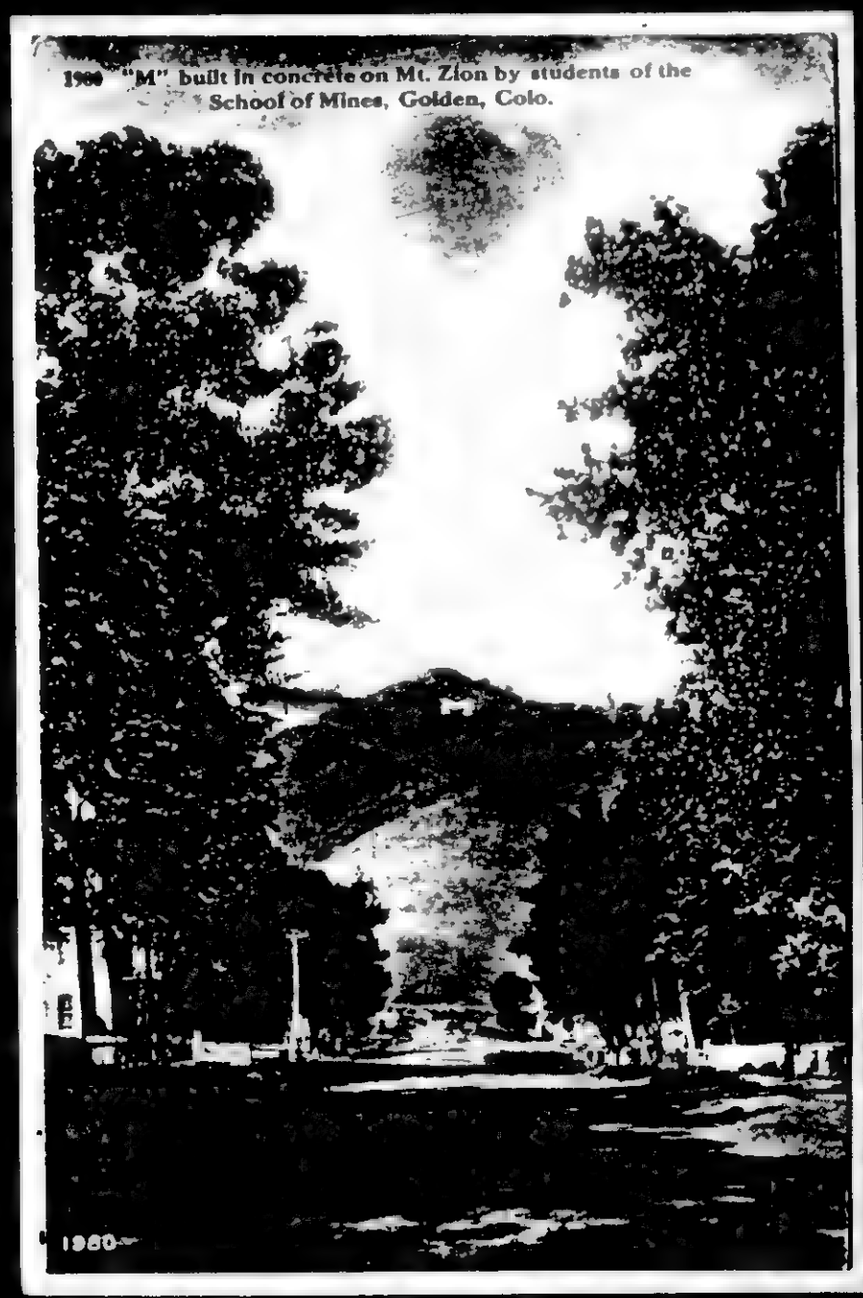

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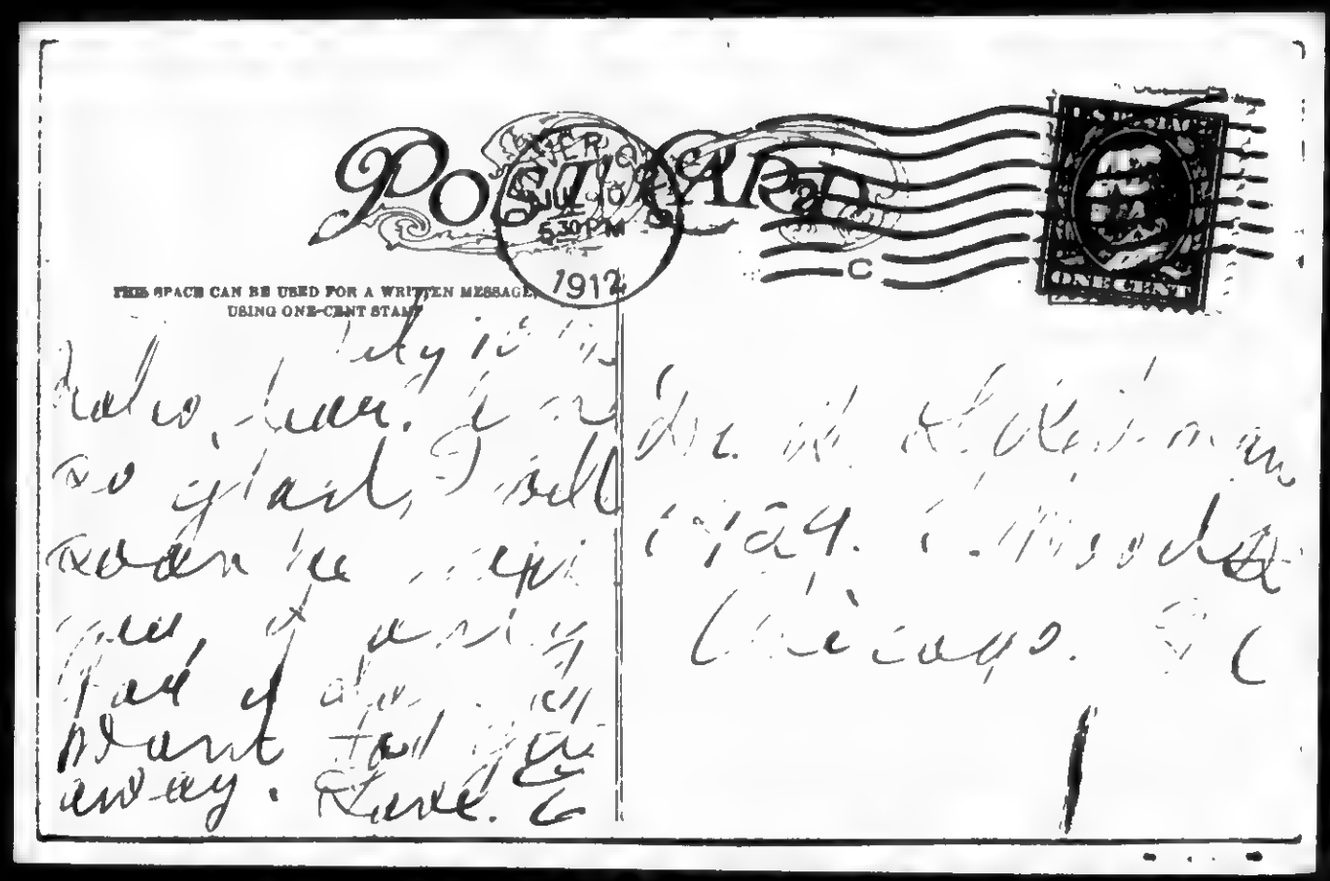

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Dear Ben

[illegible] will [illegible]
here, and I ~~we~~ am glad
to have [illegible] good news
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the days drag
[illegible]
[illegible] Law [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]
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Dear Oscar you owes
a lot for literature
and money days up
less we take it
off his wages, much
as I regret doing
it, it will have
to be done, since
we ourselves must
borrow in order
to pull along
during the summer
Please dear be
good much Love

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him the balance
I can just give
you to what you
belong to us, I
may either return
or sell it, it is ~~not~~
necessary to us
extreme
No, I do not know
the man who

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wrote the Blake letter
I only remind
you there is no reason
I have felt if you even
care another 1 D
they may ~~never~~
not take to recall
your attention my
generosity you on get
of your feel it
to be such, But
you will keep it
to yourself

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It certainly can not
be indifferent to the
woman who loves
a man, especially the
woman who has
all her life for self
reliance cultivated. The
fear that man shall
learn the same lesson
he is a coward.
It's a million times
more painful

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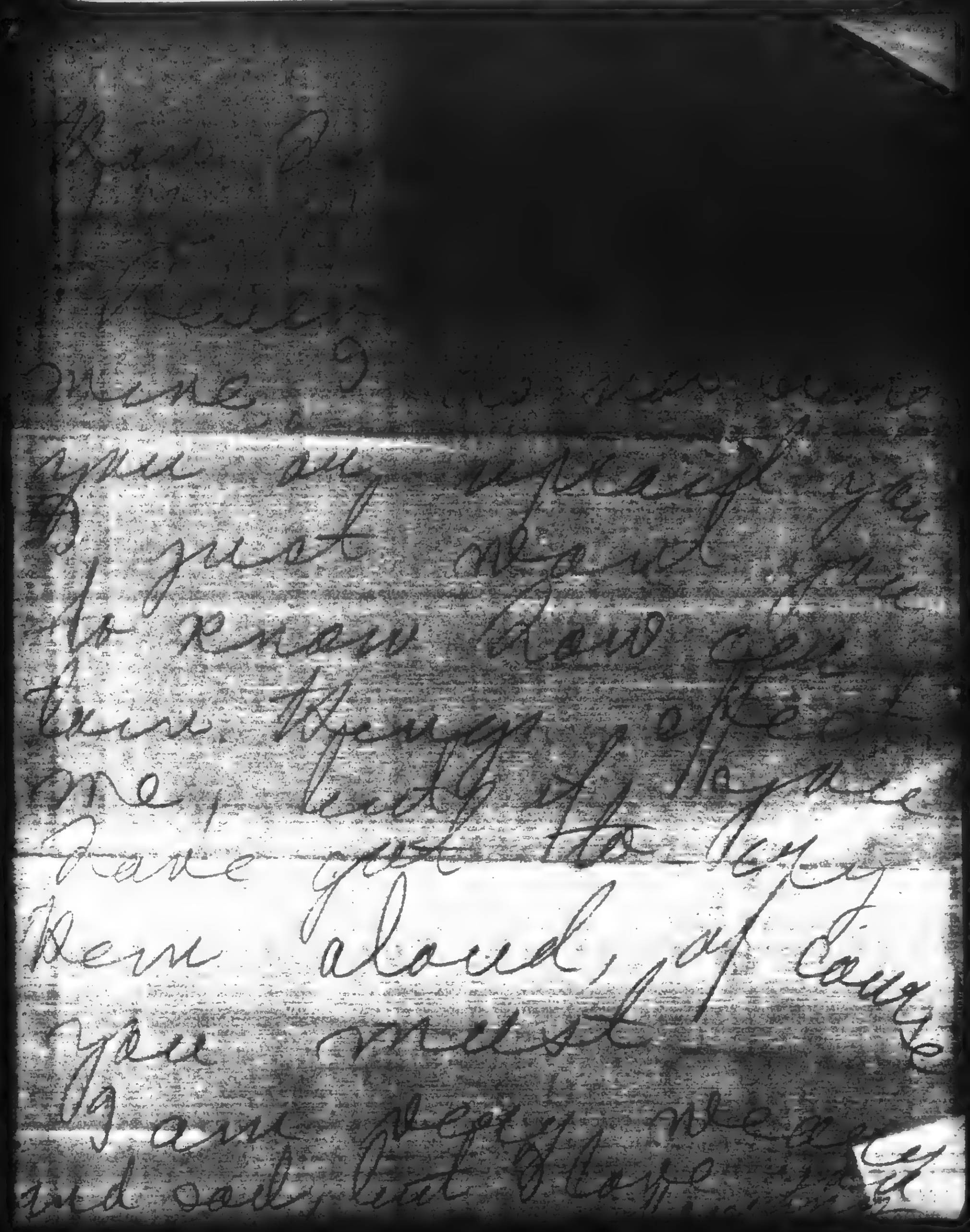

Friday
Dear Ben
your ou[illegible] weighing
so great on your life
to remain here for
two. Though I do love
one, truly I do love
Dave just the very
Ben dear, of course
you must
I am very well
and call that [illegible]

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OFFICE OF
MANAGER

Chicago, July 11th.

Mommy my own

I was so glad to get your letter - I was in Michigan yesterday had a comfortable day with my hand. I made arrangement to take more over Saturday. Sorry meeting are so bad. Dear heart I am sure you overestimate my work. But glad Mommy thinks I am valuable.

I will go to Michigan Saturday but return Sunday night so to meet you and — see unopened letter) —

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I had a letter from Alex. telling me to hurry on in N.Y. and he want me to take charge of his office so he can get at his books. I will be ready to go about the 25th. If I am going to at all I would like to take my Mother with me. Mother will never move unless I help her. But we will see – also if Mother come in N.Y. I would rather take her into a little place that was arranged for her. I am sure she not. I would be comfortable if she were at 210 –

We will see when you come

Well Emma surprised me. I was sure you would make a hit this time

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Chicago,

Dear

I wish you could come in much easier
me it is glorious just this cold
Orchard. I am sure you need a
rest but if you do rest
I will I learned in rest. and you
never did. Now you keep up I can
not understand. I feel fine don't
had a drink nor nothing else for
a week. I hope you have a
good visit in Omaha. I will meet
you when you come – Monday
2 P.M.

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My address where I can be reached Saturday and Sunday is 1200 Lake Blvd.
St Joseph Mich. If you change your plans or decide instead a little longer in Omaha write me. I will be in Chicago early Monday morning.

Honey I love you Willie will have this weeks pest office for his lady G. B. Love my mountains my sea and be happy.

I hold you and kiss you and love you with my

My dear Ben
Write to me

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Denver July 11th

My [illegible] B[illegible]. I just c[illegible] from t[illegible] Rock Island office. H[illegible] bought my [illegible] this is the plan, I leave S[illegible] 10. P.M. g[illegible] to Omaha Sun[illegible] 4. P.M. le[illegible] [illegible], arrive Chicago 2 P.M. Monday, I will stay there until [illegible] 3.30 P.M. [illegible] to Rochester until Thursday [illegible] for N.Y.

[illegible] in Chic[illegible] until [illegible], I will have [illegible] up[illegible] [illegible] pe[illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] these [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Still [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]hile, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I bo[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] L[illegible], [illegible]

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] wh[illegible] is so [illegible], I [illegible] ill [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in[illegible], but the first time it is al[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] and [illegible] are my first classes, [illegible] have not b[illegible]n much, [illegible] had altogether 16 co[illegible] attend[illegible] and [illegible] of t[illegible] single [illegible], which is

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Just about to pay my fare to N.Y and my stay here. We made nothing from the Sunday meeting and I look for little from to night, but with it all I am not sorry I staid, especially since it is over. I have gained a few friends who may be valuable some day. The Mc. Farlands are wonderful, I would not have missed knowing them for anything. I also got to know Frank M. better, he is splendid, and a few others who are nice, though there is not much reliance in them. Christine has taken my heart, she is fine, she intends to come to N.Y in the Fall, if she does, I am going to get her to work for me, I suppose, you will too, eh? But I know the kind of work you will be [illegible].

Oliver Lyter is interesting, I never knew that one regret your affiliations with anarchists, which of course, really meant, E.G. I suppose, Lion as he is, only a scribble of [illegible] your friends, who realized by [illegible] your other well-meaning friends, he [illegible] have chosen well. When you write Alex, give him my regards, she was kind to me.

Next time when you write your Mommy, do it when you have no [illegible] your scribble is [illegible] decipherable old man, and if nothing else I deserve a letter which I might be able to read. Well, as I will soon see you and take it all out in kisses and some other such incidentals, I dont care for nothing else. Hey Hobo, do not forget, I arrive Monday 2. P.M., will you meet me? Reserve a decent room for me at the Lexington.

Au revoir, perplexing Hobo, get ready for the love feast,

Your [illegible]

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Denver July 13th

Hobo mine, What do you think of Mommy getting up at seven all by myself? And I went to bed at one, too, ain't I smart? And what do you think is the my morning prayer? Hobo, I love you and I am glad I will see you soon.

I have lots to do to day, packing, straighthing my things, make my notes of "King Hunger" for this afternoon, see a lot of people and do a lot of odds and ends. Now, that I am going to leave, I am sorry because of the class, everybody has become so intensely interested that I was asked to stay longer and if I did, not one of my pupils would stop I am sure. I met some rather striking women and also a few men, the Tausigs for instances, friends of Miss Kennan. He is a Phys ician and attended every evening class, his wife is a very interesting woman of some mind of her own. Altogether I could certainly build up a big drama school. But, I should never be content with that kind of work alone.

The newspapers have completely boycotted me, the Post" too has drawn in its horns. The last time I saw Bonfils, I could feel the frost in the air and while he did put in a notice, it was stuck away, so that one could hardly see it. Your friend Gurly has act like a S-'-'-. He did not even have the courage to say he would not bring anything, but promised every time, I even went to him myself once and though he faithfully said he would, he had not a word. One thing is certain, Hobo, if my public work would depend on going after the news papers, I would give up the job I loath it and feel as if I were prostituting myself, in fact I have never

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all these years given them the satisfaction and I never will again. Hobo, is born for it just as is he born to be a manager, he is not born to love Mommy, thats why he does it so badly, almost as badly, as I do when I mmx I have to ask the papers for favors.

I heard Dr Stanley Hall last night, Mrs James, one of my pupils, a friend of Idas, took me in her car, Ida, Fred Mc Farland, Mrs Stahl, the sister of Mrs Kassler, Dr, and Mrs Black were with us. They realy went because I announced the lecture and urged them to go and then they gave me a roasting. It realy was awful. Gad, when I think the kind of men that teach in this country, I actually believe myself to be a "Genius". In the first place, he has aged terribly since we saw him, his delivery is abominable and they tell me it never was better, and the stuff.

He spoke on "The Present Statues, Methods and Results of Moral Prophylaxix, Sex Teachings" He was introduced by a minister and of course, was evidently afraid to move"The Church will teach Sex, "We need Sex instruction, to preserve Chastity, Morality and Religion" And a lot such other rot, it was awful. Our own people were there and if questions had been permitted they would have wired the floor with the "Professor. It realy makes me sick to think the kind of "Authorities America has. But with all that, I said to Ida, "every little thing helps, said the Irish woman when she pissed in Ocean" He did emphacyzed the importance of sex, in fact gave almost as much credence to it as I, and for that audience of his it was

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worth a good deal, as it would not get it otherwise. But, Oh! if only I could have gotten up, if only I could have such an audience, but that will never be, I fear.

Hobo mine, I wonder if I will hear from you to day, I had no letter yesterday, I will not mail this until later, so I can add a few words. This will reach you Monday morning and at 2. P. M. if the train is on time, Hobo will meet me, is you glad I am coming?

The inclosed letter will show you that things are pretty rotten in San. Diego. I had intended to send the balance of the money to Ryner, but in the first place, he has not acknowledged the receipt of the money sent from Butte, and in the second plce I decided to wait, until they begin public speaking again, I certainly do not want the money to go for ~~an other purpose than~~ lawyers and political campaining, do you?

Until Monday then my Hobo, The T. B. and M. are starved so you had better prepare plenty of W. wine and other things that go with it I want a real feast, as in the old long age, when Hobo first met me.

Dear, dear Hobo, I loves you very much.

Mommy

P.S. Dear you'll get up for me Monday, will you? Almost enough

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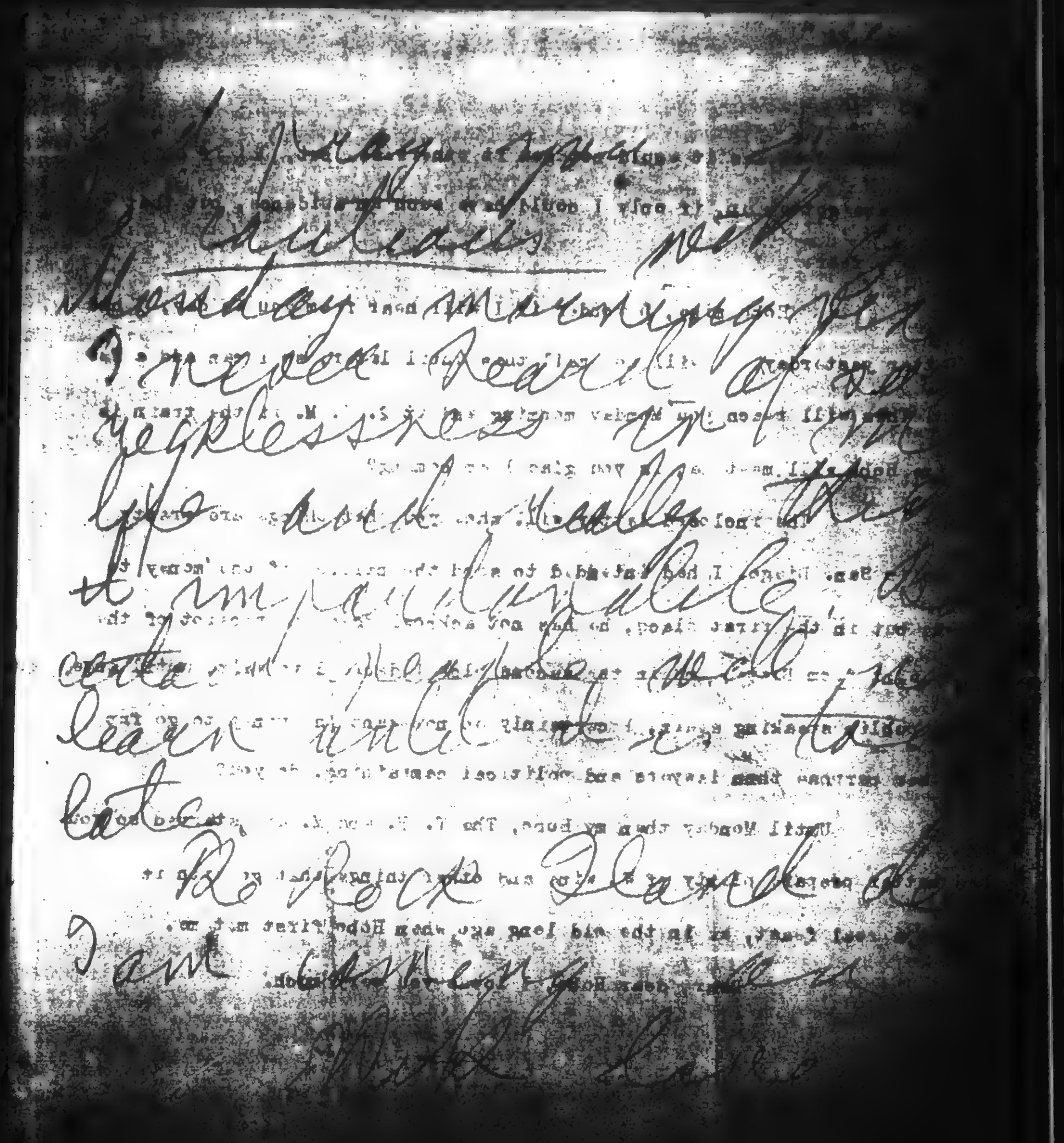

Dearest Man

Thursday morning

I never realized the

hopelessness in my

life and hatred

it impossible

until

learn

late

Rock Island

I am

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St Jo July 18–1912

Little Blue eyed Mommy

The setting sun, giving a cold melancholy chill, to the receeding tide is before me and in the moving waters I seem to see my whole life pass before me.
How strange and how wonderful is life
The terrible mood that you saw me in, during your unhappy stay in Chicago is still upon me. only lightened by a gloomy desire to be completely alone.

There is so much that I want to write you I wanted to write you a mad burning love letter. I can not, which does not mean I do not love you.
(Oh God for I do love you so, you are my life my grand passion you are my whole world and you are my madness.)
But other hands can do that better and maybe it is well that they should.
I have been thinking about you and comparing you to George Sand
I have been thinking about your development and history and I see the man every 400 years and on the sand before me I seem to

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dead the warning handwriting
He is coming. I am not feeling
you slipping through my fingers
for if you can hold Brat, Hand
Berkman in your life after the
event. How much more likelihood there
is of your retaining me. If you work
your life will always be mine.

Gloom has my soul
I suffer. I weep. My eyes are not comfort
me. I am going to close my enemy my first foe
Hobo

The sun big and red is just about to sink into the
water with billows are pushing thru it.

Oh premonitions I recognize not
am I to wear your too
The Sun, through red and
depient has gone down
into the self turbulent
water
memory for you

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covered with
mist.
I longed to do
much for a few
days peace, I
needed it and
still more I need
your love, but
it seems to be
inevitable that
I shall never
never get either

Rochester
midnight
Make 02 Tales
What evil spirit
always comes
between us, when
we have most
need of love and
when it is like
a terrible chasm
turning everything
in dreariness

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I never wanted
or needed you
more than
when I came
to you this time
and got you back
me by, and
so it is always,
always.
Sometimes I feel
like throwing this
all overboard,

when I got your
letter before
I left Denver
I felt
get a visitor
on the day of
my arrival!
No doubt it was
but the day
passed and
the clear sky

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Wednesday
I longed to see
my sister, but
I have arrived
in such a terrible
state, I dare not see
been upset for
association. The
the book was
like an opp
was a failure

I leave tomorrow
night for Niagara
at least there
I can pour
into your ears
forget my lonely
ness, my grey
despair that fate
will always place
between happiness
and myself.

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I write you a
postal to day
though, I should
hear from you
I hope I will
tomorrow, but
if I do not, I too
shall not write
what is the use
seeing how much
that never feels
either, Oh Alexander

I hope you are
enjoying, in
St Joseph, I am
sure, I miss
your naughty
but gay child
playfulness of
you. At least
I feel I get
a rest from you
in your mother. But
if there are moth

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most, can you
not Dear Ben
everything can
be explained
when I have
your letter
your entirely
thoughts

Dear Ben
just got your letter
Dear Ben, you are
so strange!
very strange, you
speak of losing
me well my sweet
I am trying quite
far
It is hard enough
now little you
know me

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But what is to be done dear? Be cool spirit mine. No matter what happens always have in a place where mail need can take care of. I leave for Ny to-night. Anything that happens and everything in the world

Let me remember how long you will stay in St Joseph? I have a definite address. Write my name. Write, do not always drive me back when I need you

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To Lincoln Steffens
t.l.s. and autograph post-script, 1 p

Dear Friend:

Your kind response to my circular letter (and the real appeal of Mr Kafer) is a great inspiration.

I shall do my utmost to make the book a real contribution to the literature of human emancipation.

Sincerely,
Emma Goldman

New York 7/19.

P.S. There are heaps an anarchism if people were only willing to be informed. "Conquest of Bread", "Mutual Aid", "Fields, and Factories", all by P. Kropot kin, I will only have essays.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF WELCOME IT HELPED TO BRIGHTEN THE DAY WROTE TO YOUR OFFICE SORRY YOU RETURNED TO CHICAGO SO I HOPE YOU WILL REST AT HOME WITH YOUR MOTHER WRITE AT LENGTH TOMORROW AM VERY TIRED AND OH SO WEARY AFFECTIONATELY.

EMMA

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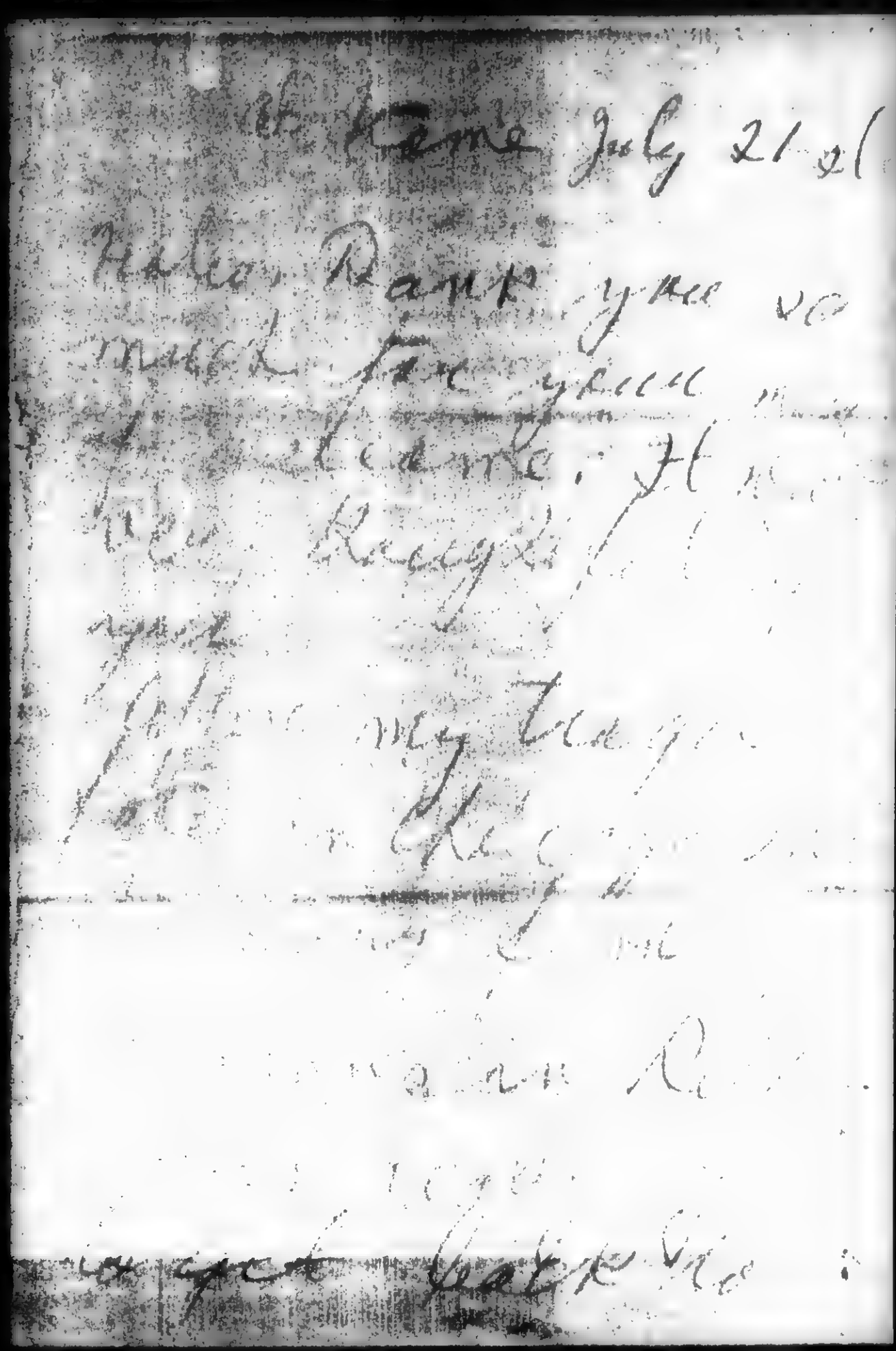

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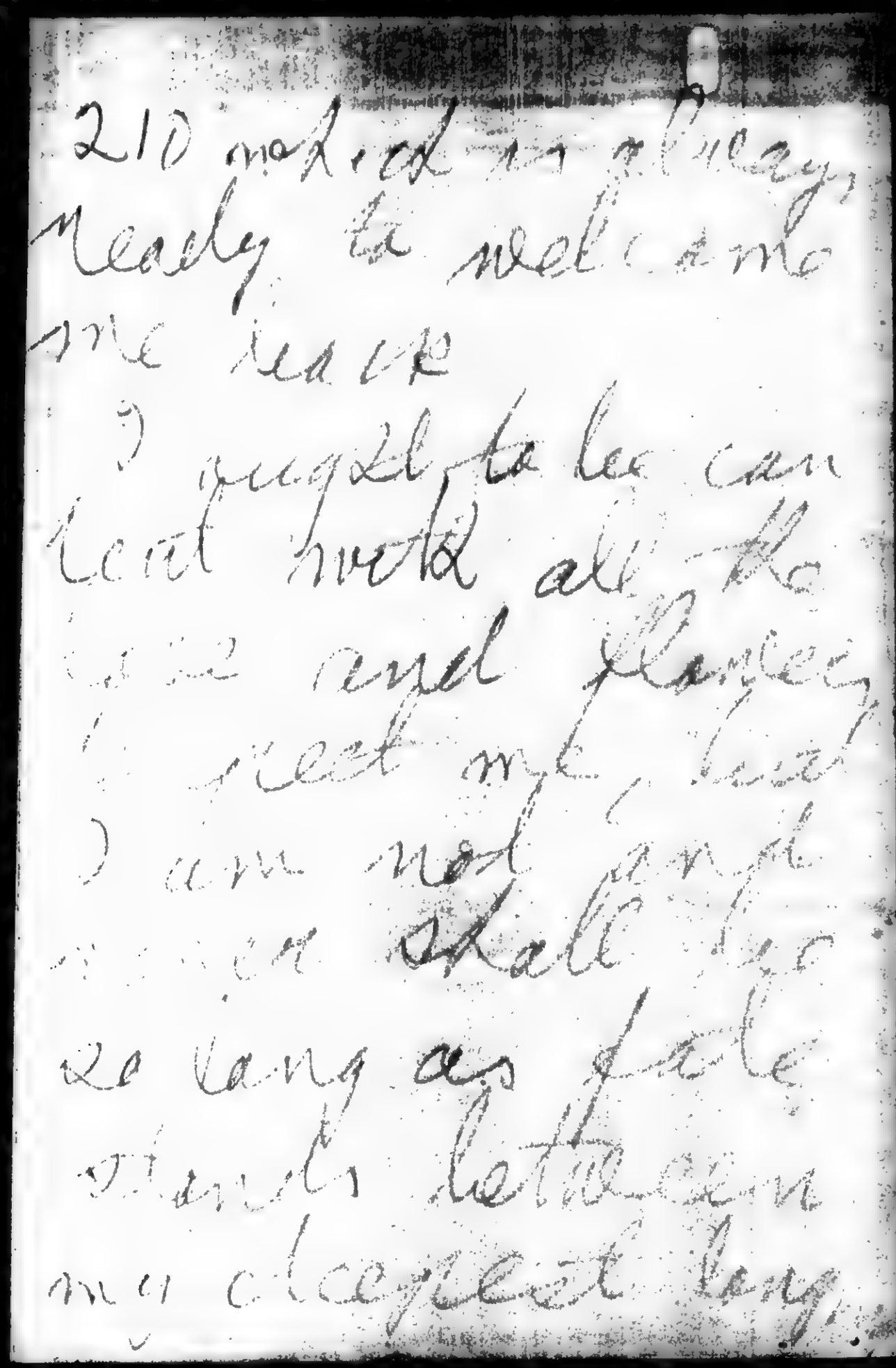

210 madison ave
Nearly to welcome
one leave
I guess the can
not hold all the
good angel flames
that rest on head
I am not afraid
you shall be
so long as fate
wants both them
my closest friends.

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and myself.
Do you know
what that is? I
suppose not.
I am very
tired and
more sad. Much
white
and
you
[illegible]

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Thursday

Why didn't you
return to Chicago
I feel because
I feel so lonely in Hyde
Park because you
are without
money. Write
me please
dear Ralph I miss
you
Yours affectionately
Emma

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at the office

Polo dear,

Here I am in our office the first day, but I am too restless, still have our five months travel in my veins.

Needless to say, I found everything tip top, in the utmost order, almost too much so for a disorderly person like myself. But you will enjoy the office I am sure. It is spacious and airy and you have everything to make you happy

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except a stenographer to flirt with. Please, Sir, will you take me? For the flirting I mean. Receipts in the office are not bad, but as usual there are no end of debts and we have no money. But that is nothing new we ought to be used to it by this time. I am to day sending you 50 July & 25 June M & E also, a few exchanges. I would send you these regularly, but I have

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you will not be there
long? How long? I
wonder if you really
want to come, do you?
My very dear Hahe,
you are very strange
but well, all that I am
sorry if I caused
you suffering no doubt
you have caused me
lots so often since
I know you, I can
appreciate what it

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means. I assure you
now dis I want to cause
you pain. But you
are very strange, you
always pretend indifference
as to whom I go with
and yet you become
maddened if there is
the slightest reason
to believe that I really
feel at home with
a new man. Such
is the mystery of the
human soul —
We are going to
the farm Saturday

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Let me know if you
intend to come here
soon then I will
come in to meet
you, also I will send
you the fare. Meanwhile
I inclose you mo the
rent, I dare say you
have little left.
I thought if you
will leave the 1st, a
week from Thursday
I will come to town

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to embrace you and
then take you back
to the farm for Sunday
Aug 4th. On Monday you
can take charge of
the office. Does such
an idea suit you?
Let me know.

Also wants to have
a talk with you about
the office and says
he has everything in
such order that it
ought to be easy to
keep accounts, but

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you will see.
Please be sure to call up Jack Crane of Milwaukee and ask for the address of Lizzie Holmes. I want to write to her about the March issue, also do not fail to call on Berkman again, get whatever photos you can and urge her to write the article I sent you a night

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message because I
could not reach you
otherwise, also a letter
to 72 State Street Did
you get my special
in St Joseph?
Write again and
do not be sad, I
must love you no
matter how deeply you
hurt.
Remember me to
our lonely friend with
much love, I think
of him always. Your Mommy

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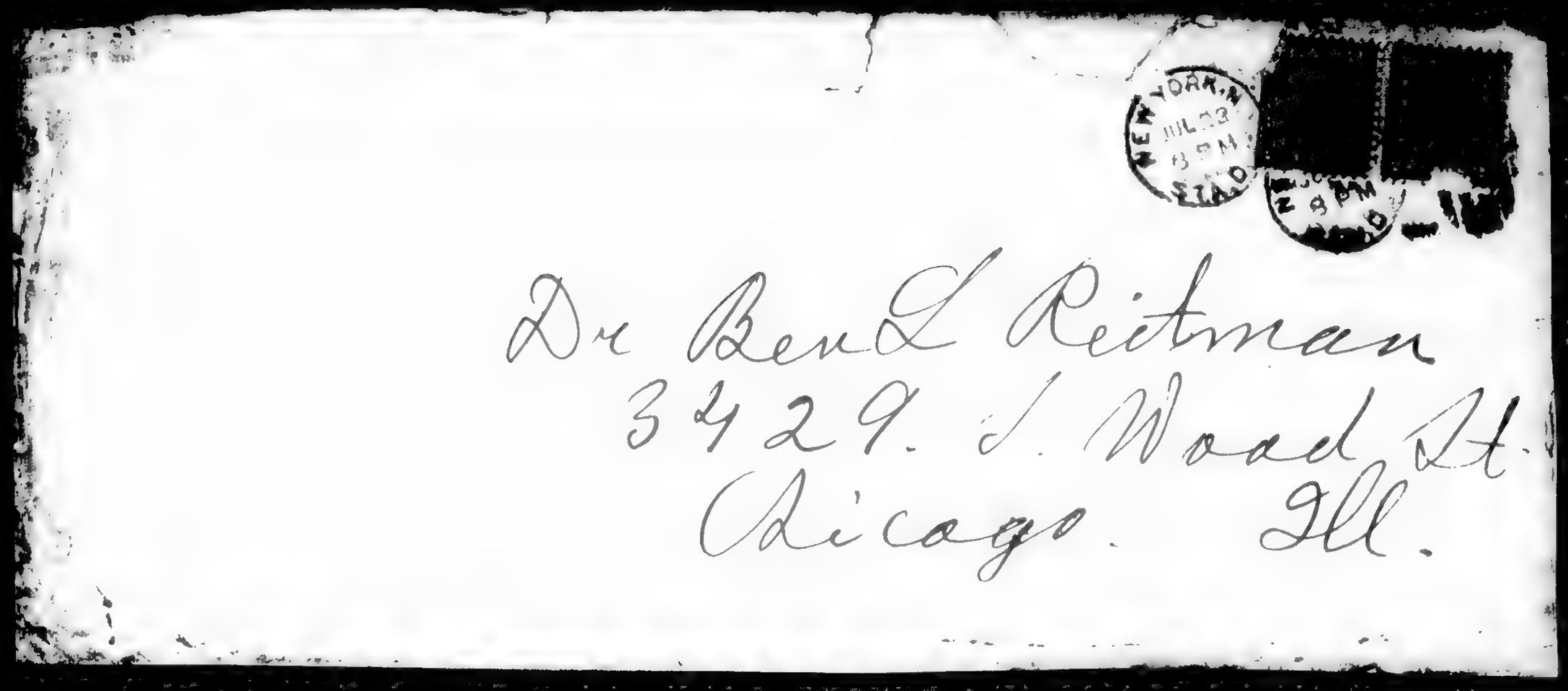

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The 24th
At Home near Hell.

My Mommy my Own.

I understand what it means to be in jail and how the ~~fact~~ chance to write letters only once every two week. My lovely Mommy It is a week since I wrote you and every conscious moment in that part week I have been thinking about you. "My Ok God I love you so" I have thought of 1000 different things to say. I have been as one deaf – I have had of written a line – I have been looking for my Mommy & I wanted to feel your love I was afraid I am afraid my beautiful soft pink tipped mountains deny other hand I am almost sure my dearest soul mate my tender life giving treasure box demands that that worn out Willie can give.

And in my some quite moments

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that she does not want him.
He is hoping praying that well
will want him. He has that blind
hope that if she will only see him
she will take him in her arms.
He rest heavy on my heart.
How terrible it is to love
Oh Sweet mommy I could not
live with out your love —
I have little sense of possession
but I want to give all for my
self. The most beautiful part of
the world Mount Juna and Mont Blanc.
I am a communist I want all man
kind to drink freely from the well
of life. But I want for my self
the purest, freshest and most love
fountain of life. Oh my treasure box
I want you for my own soul and
lips Baby Blue eyes forgive me
for being selfish but you are my
life.

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III

I felt so fine because I could not stand it. It became hideous to me each man seems to bring a more gloomy suggestion. The band played awfully practically fine but I could have managed to stay thru an entire week had I wanted to.

Sorry your stay in Rochester was not more pleasant.

Glad you found things in good shape in the office. I shall be glad to take charge of it. For a while I thought maybe I would "resume practice". I have had several offers to do work for insurance co. and lawyers.

But my heart and my work is with you. I would be a prostitute to open an office I want to be with you. Mommy until she sends me away. I want to work with you as long as you want me.

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and after your n. longer want me stay with will to time of such other work.

Oh Mommy take me, want my love me, yes I am doing fine.

I shall be ready to leave New York the 1st or before. I will make all arrangement to go next Thursday if you really want me.

I have not attempted to sell a book or do any thing since I was home.

Tell Stoke. I will not need any more M. E. and we can use all the time M. E. to advantage later.

When I get to N.Y. I hope will can arrange to do some open air work. I just my check on the mountains and work for you

Oh mamma let me come to you or Oh God if I was you

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Your work, special to St Louis,
and letter to city office and letter this
morning are all before me.
Your kind remembrance that tomorrow
is the 25th touches my heart &
do not deserve such consideration.
I thank you sweetheart.
Baby I am satisfied of one thing
that to be you desire to become
intimate with men I do not want to
know it. I can not stand it.
I say that you have every moral
and physical right to it. and it is
only what I have done. but I
think you would not even hint
about it to me.
The lonely man slept with me
the other night I woke up before him
and as I looked at his face with
the pain of the world wrinkles
I studied. The great sorrow is

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I see the logic the justice of it.
So what could I say or do except
to sing "kind mommy wilt thou mix
dem bean so gong blue dem round
white and whins" I could not inflict
your with my gloom and bitterness
and despair.

Oh Lord what a week I had
nothing did no good.

You see the difference, you
long for love and you are "delighted"
when it is given you. No love
ever offered me but Lynn filled me
I wanted you. and you alone.
No other woman ever gave me a
"delightful time" I've been I spend
an hour with another woman as
play or other wise. It does not
thrill or leave a pleasant feeling in
my soul. Only you satisfy me.

Oh. Ruby I am muddy, cheapy
in line with you. but you do not
understand.

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By servils waters of dark continents
You watched between the live and living dead,
Where hopeless shrines their hoped-for gods had bred,
Where laws teemed fast in soils of somnolence;
And, priestess of keen travailed sapience,
You bowed where man gainst man had lived or bled;
And where high bright sad hopes had borne and fled
You wept the tears of poignant discontents.

While wrapped thus in a woman's meek attires
There came upon you sweet strange dawn-born dew
That fell in tears and dreams that drenched you through and through,
Annointing with great visions and desires,
Transfiguring the will to live and do,
Until you reared through strifes and fasts and fires
A rebel leader powers cannot subdue.

With love to Emma - from Edith
July 24 - 1912

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at Home July 25/12

My precious strangest dearest Ben.
I have been in the office this morning, no letter, so I decided not to write until I'd hear from you. The night message you sent, unnerved me completely.
I went home to prepare lunch for Leonard and Bob Parker, they are coming to see me then your special was brought to me and the whole aspect of life changed

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I will write at length
to night, for the present
I only want you to
know that you are
a strange and faithless
boy, but I love you
with all the passion
of my soul and
that the A — h and
M — long and call
for you.

Make mine, the pain
you suffered. I have
endured 4 years

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You understand now? I hope you do dearest perhaps we will then be more closer for the first time in our live life — —

I know I have our lonely friend on my heart more now then ever because of some terrible conditions I found there, will tell you about them. I go to the farm

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Saturday until Tuesday
when I will return to
meet my Kolb, who wrote
to forswear his ideal
and turn to other ways
Foolish boy, dearest boy
Write me to the farm
under C & Smith.

R F D I Box 20
Ossining

Monday I will send
you a check, you
know had best get ready
want you my
Honey, yes I do. Mommy
Em

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July 25 '12

The office

My Ben, my most and all beloved in the World. I don't know whether I should laugh or weep over your letter, over your foolish doubts and fears. I know what they are dearest for four long years, I have known them as never before, what it means to doubt and to fear.

You tell me that your affairs meant

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nothing. That of course is not true. No man or woman will keep up a love correspondence with one if it means nothing.

You have done it with Lianeos, Greg, Bergman, Edith and a hundred and one others including Anna L. Parsons. You have stuck the knife into my heart and taken delight

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in turning it over and over until the blood mouth streams and I felt I shall never survive it. yet you say it meant nothing and I am the only woman in your life who counts...

You actually crept under a woman's skirt, lick her all over in my presence at

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dinner party, you get
say no one parts
Paolo my dear, your
tragedy is, that you
deceive yourself and
therefore also deceive
me without knowing
it

But with all the
sorrow, all the pain
all the humiliation you
have caused me I
have and still love
only you and no

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man has so far come
close to me in any
shape or form.
You have told me so
many times you do
not care and that I
should "go to it" but
I never could or have
least of all did I want
to cause you pain
with the suggestion
that any other man
has been close to me
Perhaps though you

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sorrow of the last 10 days
will teach you that one
must never play with
fire and treat lightly
ones greatest treasure.
I want your love, your
devotion your kind
ness. It is only when
you are cruel, rude
& indifferent that I
become desperate, but
never otherwise, never
forget that, dear heart.
I have not written

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yesterday now would I
have written to day unless
I heard from you
But was my decision
because I could not
go through the agony
of last summer.
But I am glad you
write dear and that
you are willing to come
I want you with
every fiber of my being
and the office needs
you badly, nothing else

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will be as devoted and
absorbed in the work
as before. Foolish boy
you wanted to go back
on your work and
my share on you.
I have been feeling
wedded ever since
my hideous visit to
Chicago and Rock
I find a few terrible
situations here which
take all the starch out
of me. It seems as
if fate is on my heels

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always and forever and try as I may, I can not escape it. If not for B's book I should go away for a month but the book must be finished, I am going to the farm for that. Maybe in Sept. before our own work begins me & polish Kate will go to the mountain meanwhile Kate will

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come to Mommy at week
ends and make up
for last time, mile
you again?
I will send you a
dec. Monday. I hope
you will take a good
train and sleeper
If you leave the 1st
I will meet you here
Friday. I want you
dearest mine. Oh
if only you could be
kind and truly
understand my needs
If you would only

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love me when we are together, as you do when we are away from each other, but you know do and my soul is starved.

Write me to the farm dearest Dearest and tel me when to meet you, and never, never doubt or fear that you will lose Mamma

Hold you close very close to the M. F. B. Mamma

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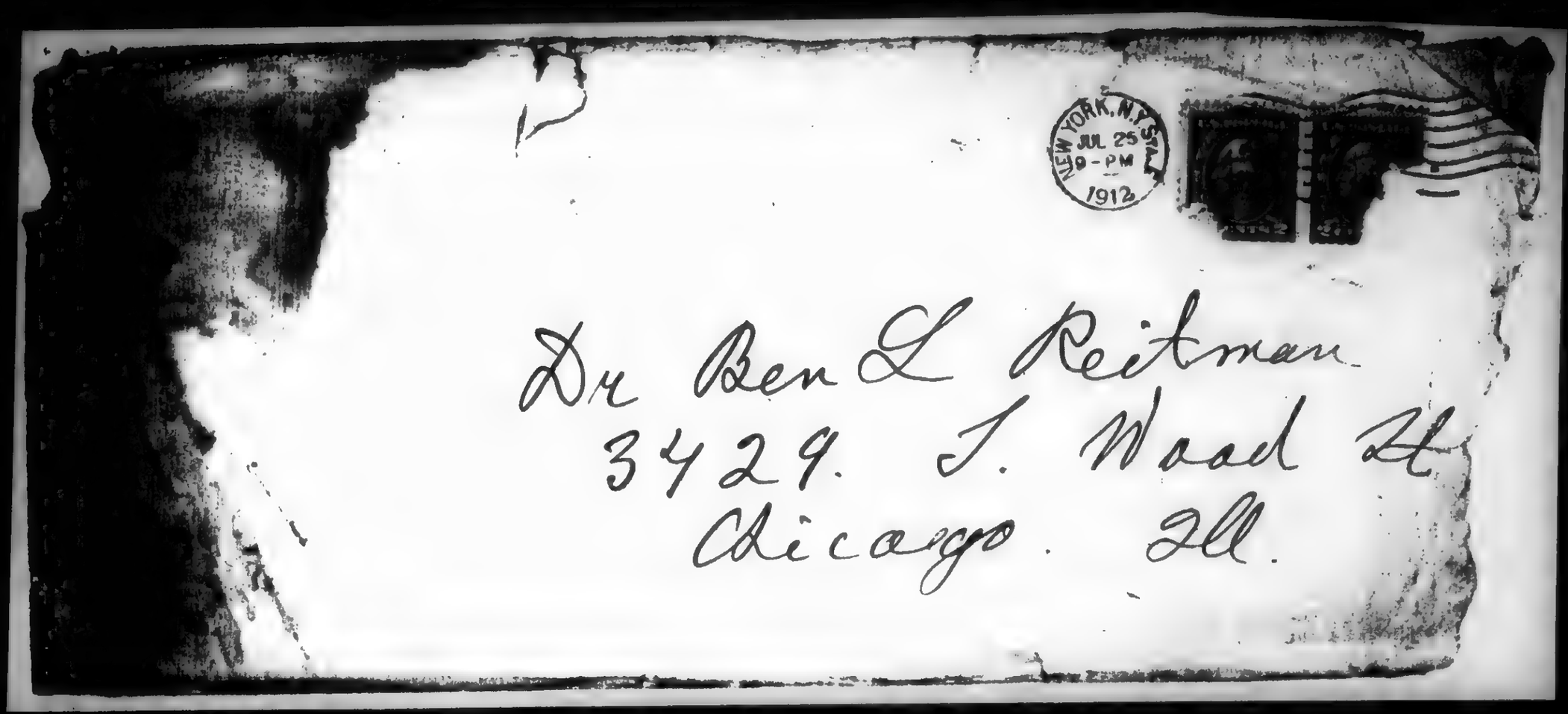

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With Mother but far from
Mommy this 25th

My own Mommy.

To sit dreaming the
hours is restful but to long
and wait for a assuring message of love
from Mommy is hell.

Tell me my sweetheart
that you love me and want me to go to
~~Chicago~~ New York. Oh. God I am
fearful lest you write me. that
you do not need me, or that
you can get a long without me.
My dear lover who I have neglected
and tabused – you are my whole
life – life took is impossible for
me. Only you do I want.

Baby blue eyes I want you so
Tell me that I can come next
Thursday.

I hope you get a rest out
on the Farm and that you and Saha
fix up the book in great shape.

Mommy my Mommy I love you

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I have not had the nerve or ambition to go and sell any literature
maybe I will appear in the street some night.

It rained and rained and rained I never glad to read the two letters from San Diego

"Some of him lived but most of him died" that how I feel.

I hold you I adore you but I am afraid you love me as your dad

Holy.

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At Home, in the evening.
July 2 th.

My darling. I am alone at home, Alex has gone to an Ettor-Giovanetti open air meeting in Brooklyn. I am glad to be alone, with my thoughts of Hobo. I do not know what ails me, but I have never been so tired, so inert from any tour, as this time. I can barely walk a few blocks without feeling completely worn out. And my soul, such sadness, such grief, I dont believe I have laught once since my return. I think it is because of the tragedy in our relations, dont you think?

Year after year, we hope and hope for peace and rest in the Summer, and always we come back to the same conditions, the same heart ache, the same misunderstanding. Yet, yeat after year, we grow more attached to each other, is it not strange? You asked me whether I wanted you, not for one moment during the last ten days did it occur to me that I should be without you, so terribly have you grown into my blood. But more than ever before do I long for peace and harmony with you and more than ever, I feel that it will never be, because fate has not decread it should be.

Always, I must return to the same struggle, the same debts, the same life. Why can I not go away with you far , far away? But there is

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Alex book, it weighs on me dreadfully. And, there is also the consciousness that Hobe could never be long with me, without other women. Yet how strange, that Hobe should be the one to suspect, to doubt, to fear, he who has been with so many women, while I have only been with him. Yes, human nature is a strange compound.

I am anxiously waiting to hear when you think to leave Chicago, because I want to come in to meet you and spend a few days with you in N.Y. then take you to the farm over Sunday next, will you come?

~~Also~~ Then another matter, we can not leave the office alone, have therefore asked Max to look after the mail until next Thursady. Alex has left everything in beautiful shape and I do not want any one else to come between, until you take charge of the office, it causes confusion. Max will just attend to orders but not the books.

Dearest , do not fail to call on Van Zandt for the Photos and also ask her about the article, it must be in our hands Oct First, I have found The Holmes address, so you need not bother about it. Dont you think you had better pack up your books to relieve your mother of the work when she will come here. It is awfully hot now and ~~could~~ would not do at all to be runing

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about for a flat, it is best to wait another month or six weeks before you take her over here. I have a number of things to talk over with you but will wait until you come.

Meanwhile, I want you to know that I love you, deeply and passionately, that you are my own, my very own cruel Hobo, who loves his Mommy only when he thinks he may lose her. If I were as cruel as you, I would keep you in that state all the time, because you would love me and want me madly then. But I can not wilfully hurt my boy, I do not want him to suffer.

I am sleeping in Hobos bed, will I have to give it up when you come, or will you let me share it? I have something for you which you have neglected and ill treated, but they are faithful, the M. and T. B., they call you, Hobo, precious lover, come and take us!

I will add a few words tomorrow before I leave for the farm.

Good night, my Hobo, my darling, foolish jealous cruel lover.

Mammy

P.S. Will send a deck Monday

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The office July 26th

My Boy. Do I want you, do I need you? What question are these? Have you been with me for 4 1/2 years and do you know, so little I want you with the insatiable desire of the famished and I need you, as the flower need sunshine. But I am sad, very sad over the inexplicable forces that always tear us asunder, at the very moment when we seem closest. It

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seems so tragic, and yet I know not how to meet our cruel destiny.

I love you Reitman with all the fires of my tempestuous soul. I crave your life and would lay me down to die just to feel its warmth and harmony. Oh! if only you could express your love. If you could, be kind

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and thoughtful, but
nature has not given
you that gift, yet I
know you can talk
of your love in your
letters.

Dearest Ralo, I am
not well, I think it
is the reaction from
the strain and all
the sorrow. I feel as
if my soul were
dead and all the
joy were gone. Come
to me Ralo and bring
me back to life

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I need you, I want
you come. ——— —
Will you leave Wed
nesday on the Limit?
Write me as I want
to come to the City
to meet you, wile
write again tomorrow
Pulco. my strange
boy. I love you
and need you love
Mammy

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Saturday July 27

before leaving
for the farm

[illegible]
[illegible] all
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
I am glad [illegible]
[illegible] that
[illegible] will come

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need new zeal
and vigour
to Mammy and
Sis. Only the
I will create
fear in me I am
and regight
will get the
Thing I am
I fear, I am

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Not reach you
Tuesday, as I
have no way
of ginaling the
office tomorrow
Rest I will
[illegible]
very [illegible]
with [illegible]
and my hate
I will read

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you Wednesday
morning? I love
you. I want
you, [illegible]
Manny, ii —
B — 30 —
Manny

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July 27 — 1912
AT Home

My own my darling

I'm on wreck I shall long Mommie to hold and to love in just a few days I shall see the mountains and drink your dainty little Mamma tea day. Oh you are so close to me I love you so much. I long been so unhappy. Unless I am at peace with you I'm absolutely helpless you hopeless.

So Mommy is on the Farm I hope it is beautiful and cool and restful for you. You must rest and sleep for a while and have a good time. I wish I could bring peace and joy into your life for you need it so much. Next season we are going to have a great tour and make the world pay attention ain't we honey — I am full of plans about our work for next fall we must have that Theatre and Mommy must have a big place in the Drama & Eugenics. And we must arrange for bigger Jewish meeting

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and we must make the trip early Friday
(and since I had my letter
yesterday I begin to move.
Oh you ought not ever to leave
me in a depressed state for
I am helpless. yesterday tried
to get a permit to speak.
the Police would not give me
any. and I felt rather that
to stir around the Chief. and Mayor
I would let things drop. (because
I have the Lonely man on my hands
and I can not afford to lose changes
1.14 Mrs his wife & babies
tomorrow. I hope nothing will
come of it. I am worried about
it.

Baby tell me is the Mountains
nice and do they want Bobby and
is we going to the tent and feast
and feast. I want you to Willie
is he ready for home
my money I love you. I is
getting to have you are hard
and they you until dead
does us part

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I'm talking with the honest man and with others about San Diego. I am convinced that I am regarded pretty much as a coward because I did not strike back at the U.S.
We have been discussing Violence and the Jew and the Movement & I have several notions. But it is plain to me that I American, and well known, must justify all thing some day:
I was talking to Dr. Evans the other day. He said "Ben you are a joke and that is your function in life. as long as you let the world laugh at you and with you, you can be useful in your propaganda. you are not fitted for hard work or drudgery you are not a man that ought to let any one hurt you seriously. If you can keep smiling you will do big things. But if ever you think you see serious you are a goner."

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of his argument made me think
(Dear I am afraid I am getting two
sensitive Esther – In a few
months. to learn, I terribly much
1st that my sex is diminishing 2nd
that I am a coward and 3rd that
I am ~~jealous~~ I have been thinking
about what you said of my
attitude about the women in the
movement ~~the~~ Emma I is old and
useless, and if you can't love
me & let me work over you
I must. go to the dogs, hours
or die.

It is so terrible to realize one
own weakness. But you are so
big and true and strong and
what go: matter is left to any
mean man like me. or any one else.
I was thinking of Wagner Autobiography
when some musical director came to
him and cried. Wagner you are
a great man a genius and you need
help. but I will die and be forgotten.
Dear when you assure me as
useless. I am going to go my
painting or one of your photographs.

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Letter

your wonderfully sweet letter of the 23rd just came and it broke the fever in my bones. Baby I am so glad you want me for I sure want to come.

No darling I have not dreamed myself about other woman. Truly no one counts but you. your name then over and over no matter what I may do or write them. no one can thrill or comfort me. I want no or but you.

Lex is no one to my big that young lioness is the only one that I keep up any kind of a steady correspondence with. and you know just what our relationship is, as to Anna she is my moral friend and never meant any thing to me in spite of what her letter may convey. Parsons is my comrade whom I never write to except on business. Edith I have not heard from for a year. Maxim with Bergman. Essay was a foolish affair which was serious and I hated my self for it.

Baby I is going to be good and faithful and save alone

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I am writing but it is
not much comfort, I have been drinking
a little with the man but it
dont feel good. I am always thinking
about and pining for my first born
I want your love.
Sophie Breed is in town
she has been running around with
the man and I.
Nothing does me good
my mother and my Bobby & children
give me most comfort but that is
damn little
I met quite a few of my old friends
Devers asked I went to school
with. Really there is little to
tell of my life. I am in the house
until late in the afternoon then I
go down and see friends spend a
little time in a saloon where there
are big beers and in the evening
~~the~~ the man and I go out.
Mother and I even think a boat
ride in Milwaukee day next week

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I have in the past often
really admired a great that I felt as
if you "go first" I am so
sorry for my narrowness and weakness
I wished to clear you free to go to
way of your inclination and I
wish for always. But oh the sorrow
the pain the agonization I suffer
when I think my mountains my
lilly white mountains has fallen in
very bones It arises up my blood
it takes away life to bear the
suggestion that other may drink at
my fountain of life.
I always want you to feel free
I want no promises of faithfulness
from you. I only want you to
know that I shall be unhappy
if you must love and give
your mountains & your fountain to other
Let us as it is! and I admit
defeat. I say what I have said
many time my pure one. Looking
back over the years of our relationship

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I see no bright spots in my life other than in your arms. I am ashamed that any other woman had me. I have always been your in soul and heart.

But I shall be brave & hope I shall borrow a prayer from its little boy

"Oh God make me a good boy I asked you yesterday and you didn't do it"

Come this one and forgive me.

Have a happy time at the farm finish the book quickly and one of mountain fast streams "box will find a little quite spot in the woods and there a glorious vacation.

Rah young letter made very happy & am smiling and Willie is a rober. for Oh God I love you so—"

Have a good time on the farm the world will be hard in your before God love the "free in stream box"

Money & love you Ben

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Sunday, July 27th.

Dearest:-

A couple of nights ago I had my semi-annual fit- what Fred calls a spasm; first my eyes get blank, then I grope around for the nearest receptacle that will hold the contents of my stomach and then I lie on the floor and let my arms and legs twitch to their hearts content- after it is all over I gather the remnants of myself and put them to bed. I felt that darn thing coming on while I was away and so came home two days sooner than I had planned.

Monday morning.

Started writing this yesterday but Fred wanted to walk and we walked the whole blooming day. We went to hear Ida Crouch Hazlitt in the evening and I must say that I enjoyed myself for she called the men a bunch of pumpkin heads. Poor girl! she must be in an awful condition for her right arm twitched as tho she hadincipient payalysys; she had better take a rest or she will go up the spout; she is a live wire. I just learned this morning that it is from a knock she got on her bean.

The reason that I have been reticent with you lately was because I have been ashamed of myself and did not want to tell you what I was doing; you see, I went on that trip with Newton. Newton is a Carnegie steel man whom I have known since panic times. Fred and I were living in Braddock at the time and the larder was pretty empty- in fact I helped clean out a flat for a peck of potatoes and some onions and some cabbage and I also did several ironings. Then I said to myself, "Anybody who works like this is a damned fool." So I got a friend of mine to introduce me to Newt, who had nothing to do during the panic but walk the streets and spend his money as his salary was going on all the time; he is pretty well heeled at that. So I've had Newt ever since the panic times and when he asked me to take a trip with him this summer I hated to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs for God knows that Fred don't make enuf to keep me in cigarettes and magazines. So I went on the trip and I never had a more miserable time in all my life as one can find out more about a person by living under the same roof with them a day than they can find out by seeing them every day for a year. I must say that I am

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more disgusted with men than I ever was and if I ever give Fred up it will have to be a 'cookoo' that gets me the next time. I never saw a man that works for the United States Steel trust that was in the least successful either as a major or as a minor boss that wasn't a god-damned hog; they can eat more and hold more booze than any one that I ever saw. Newt is a stout man with a bay window belly. I have seen him with three and four different meats in front of him at the table- no wonder he gets gout; he is a Christian too, by the powers, and thinks that his relations with me are a sin. I have always let him believe that I was a Christian, too, until lately and one day I couldn't stand it any more and I said, "See here! I'm damned if I don't tell you just what I believe in;" He looked in amazement for he never heard me swear before- and then I gave him a tirade on my beliefs of all sorts. Do you think that he got disgusted? No, he grinned and got an erection of the penis; he is like all the rest of the Christians- he has as much real christianity in him as my big toe has. And he has an ox-like brain that is exasperating; all he knows how to do is to horse hell out of the men to increase the tonnage of the mills. I never was so god damned mad at myself in all my life- when we'd get in acoach he would make me sit facing him all the time- so he would be sure of having me, I s'pose and he alwaysxmxkstries to make me smear my face with cream andpowder. I'll bet that he wont want me to go on a vacation with him again in a hurry for I chased him all over the map. I darn near killed myself doing so but he was some tired, too. I wish that I had been feeling well- he'd be up in his heaven tuning his harp by now- he'd have died of appoplexy.

How will the 26th of August suit you for me to come to see you- that is, if you would like to meet me after telling you all this? I don't care- I'll be darned if I go hungry for anybody. Then we came up here, and my mother went on a visit, knowing that Fred and I would not have a cent until he drew a pay and I did not have a damned cent to put in the gas machine. I'll never forgive my mother for that, either. So Newt sent me up $5 a week. Poor thing! he likes me and I do him- for his money.

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I would like to come to you sooner than the 24th but have to straighten out matters here. Fred made the fur fly while I was away and I only have ninety cents as I made him go around and pay all the bills. He stayed home a week as he had himself in an awful condition and that was the first thing that I had to do when I came home- nurse him. We were in bed together and I was the only one that was able to lift his head off the pillow. Fred nearly has my patience worn out. It is true, that when I married him I never expected to live long as I had such a cold on the lungs but he married me anyway and I got cured up. I would have died, all right, if I had stayed at home as my mother had the house like a cold storage plant and would never turn up the gas for fear of having a big bill. I am grateful for Fred's saving my life but I think that I have returned his favor thrice over and then some. I cannot understand myself with Fred. I know that he has murderous instincts. I know, that when he wants to lacerate my soul that he talks in lacivious Michigan lumber-camp strain that makes me tremble with horror. I know also, that I have saved him from the pemetentiary twice since I have been married and that I have been him thru the hospital twice. I know that he is selfish and that he lives like a nigger from day to day, never thinking of the morrow and that whenever he gets into any difficulty he looks for me to get him out. I know that he wont wait on himself and makes me wait on him when I am scarcely able to crawl and still I stick to him. I know that he will have to go to the hospital again this winter but I am done; he can either save his money or go to the charity ward for I am all in. Ive given and given and given my strength to Fred until there is no more. I've either got sink with him or let him sink and it hurts for Ive got a feeling for him that I never had for any one else. I'd better stop or I shall have another "spasm".

Write to me, dear, I need it. Let me know when it is your pleasure to have me come to see you. I want to touch you- I want to see whether you really have substance or whether you are merely one of my dreams.

Lovingly a.

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The farm. Sunday July 28th.
After a days washing, cleaning and scrubbing.

How do you like this for a rest, Hobo darling? Funny is it not to come back after six months hard struggle and begin housework? But I can not live in dirt and the little house was so dirty. Well, its clean now and looks beautiful After all, for people who have no means and want to be away from the rest of the World, the little place is a perfect paradise, so quiet and soothing. With all the work I have done, I have felt peace enter my soul for the first time since I left you in Chicago. Oh, I do so hope, we will find a little peace together dear, I want it more than everything else, will we?

I have done alot the week of my stay in N.Y. among other thing we got Manhatten Lyceum for the 11th of Nov. and the 9th of Dec. Kropotkins birthday, we also wrote to a lot of people for articles for both issues, which means a lot of work. Tomarrow, I will write my article for August M.E. and also help Alex with Maxes transalation, I want to have all that done when you come, dear, to have time for you.

I go into the City Thursday, Prof. Dubois, speaks at a special Sunrise Club dinner, I mean to hear him this time, as I never have before he is colored you know and I understand a wonderful speaker. Of course, if I thought my Hobo is coming Thursday, I would rather be with him, but you will probsbly only leave on the First and arrive Friday. But not later, dearest. I am hungry for you. Then too, I want you to come to the farm with me Saturday, if you will. We will go up to the office for the fornoon, so I can shaw you a few things, because I will not be in N.Y when Hobo takes charge of the office Monday. Is my boy really glad to take charge of M.E? And does he feel like working?

Inclosed, you will find $40, please dear, come by the N.Y Central and take a sleeper, you have enough for that, also to leave your mother a few Dollars and to get a grip, you need the latter very much, do not fail to get it Hobo. And, please, do not fail to see Van Zandt about the Photos, we need

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them. This will be my last letter, no it will not, as I can write Tuesday and still reach you Thursday before you leave, just a greeting to give you joy on your journey. Hobo, my own Hobo, do you realy love me and want to come with me to the woods? Dear silly Hobo, who thought he might lose me. Hobo, who does not know that all he has to do, to keep Mommy, is to be kind and love her, and not neglect her as he always does, and be so cruel to her. Why must we always wait until the fear of loss possess us, why can we not value our tresures otherwide? But such seems to be the tendency of human nature, always to long for what we fear, is slipping away from us. But Hobo loves me, and will be good to me, will he not?

Darling mine, I long for you with all the passion of my being. Come to me quick, take me and hold me tight, I am all yours, dear heart. Remember me very, very tenderly to our lonely friend, I think of him always, and and of our other friends, so lonely too.

I hold you close, and am waiting for Thursday when I will be in my Hobos arms, with M-s and T-B. W. and all else.

Passionately your.

Mammy.

Monday "Hear" joyous this morning
My Hobo. It poured the morning
all day long and I felt for the midget
in Reno, if he will "really"
be with Rem, else we shall go to the
village. I don't my legs to get
in the Wednesday. Poor Hobo, I have
been at work all my peace away
is Brescia in Rere and mung adjusted
with the lonely man be myself. Dearest
why must the lee cop you not because
Lolo "grene" the mother is. I shall have

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no rest until you
are out of Chicago.
If possible, please
leave Wednesday
so I can arrange
things as I
please. I will be
there Thursday at
3 P.M., in time
to meet you
the same evening
that day. But if
you do not think
it best to be there
I am terribly
nervous and

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unpaid. If anything should happen to you. Oh! Ben, please, please, please do not keep me in suspense what you did with money

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COLEMAN HOUSE
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A.M. SEXTON

July - 28 - 12

My Dear Mrs Goldman—

Am in receipt of your letter. I want to thank you, and assure that I am glad to do anything you can suggest in the matter. I am compelled by contract to stay in the place till Labor Day— then I'll go to Phila. and be ready to do anything that can be of help to you.

I hope you have heard from Lwishis how it came that I

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was absent when V. died.
No doubt you also know
of the tyrannical way in which
Kucera has taken possession
of V's 'affairs during my
absence — &c. — This all "spilled
milk" now. But I understand
that he wants to keep you out
of the work entirely. Now I
am sure he will make a hasty
and bad job of it — if left in
absolute control of the matter.
I can not suggest to you.
the best way of getting things right,

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but I realize that forcing things on K. may endanger the very existence of the mss. I can not have any actual say in the matter, as I am powerless. But I will try to collect all V's mss. as soon as I get to Phila, as well as to organize some committee, if possible. I will also help along financially whenever that is required. I will also furnish you with all details of V's life, such as you may wish to know.

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I hope that you will not take my comments on K's action as personal. You know, as well as I, that what I say is true, and I speak only because I have the welfare of the work at heart.

I'll be glad to hear from you anytime you may find convenient to let me know of the details in the progress of the work.

Yours for the memory of Valtarini

N. Navro.

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The Farm July 29th.

My precious. I have been terribly restless since your letter arrived and shall have no peace until you are away from Chicago. My recollections of that city are anything but pleasant, yet never have I felt so uneasy as this time. The consciousness that a third person and a woman at that is now with our friend, gives me no rest. Really, dear heart, you are all terribly reckless.

Well, I hope and pray for your welfare, and that you may get here safely, it would kill me if anything were to happen. Dearest, why care what people say regarding your action in S.D? Its what you think yourself that counts. I admit, I should have been happier, if you had not submitted, if you had not kissed that rag, or sang at the command of the Vigilantes. But nevrr for one moment did it occur to me that you were a coward. Rather did I think, it was lack of experience. I believe that the Russian revolutionists are so brave because they live in danger always, they are prepared for it hence the shock is not so awful

For instance, I am used to police brutality, no matter what the police would do, I could face it. But I was not prepared for the mob and therefore I did not act half as determined in S.D. as I did at all other times. Yet no one would even dare suggest that I am a coward. The same I believe is true with you dear, it was the shock of the unexpected, the unprepared which made you act as you did. I am confident that under similar circumstances you would not submit again. At any event, do not be carried away by the notion that you must make good to prove that you are not a coward. To Hell with public opinion.

About your classification of the women in your life, it is no use arguing, dear. Its rather amusing to me, but lets pass them over. I am sure that I do not seek men out and as long as I have your love and devotion, I know that no one else matters. At any rate, I never would for the sake of slight attraction, cause you pain, never, you are too much to me my beloved Hobo. Come to me, and let us forget all others in a great deep love and useful work, which no one can do as well as you. I am waiting for my boy, my very own sweetheart Hobo. [illegible]

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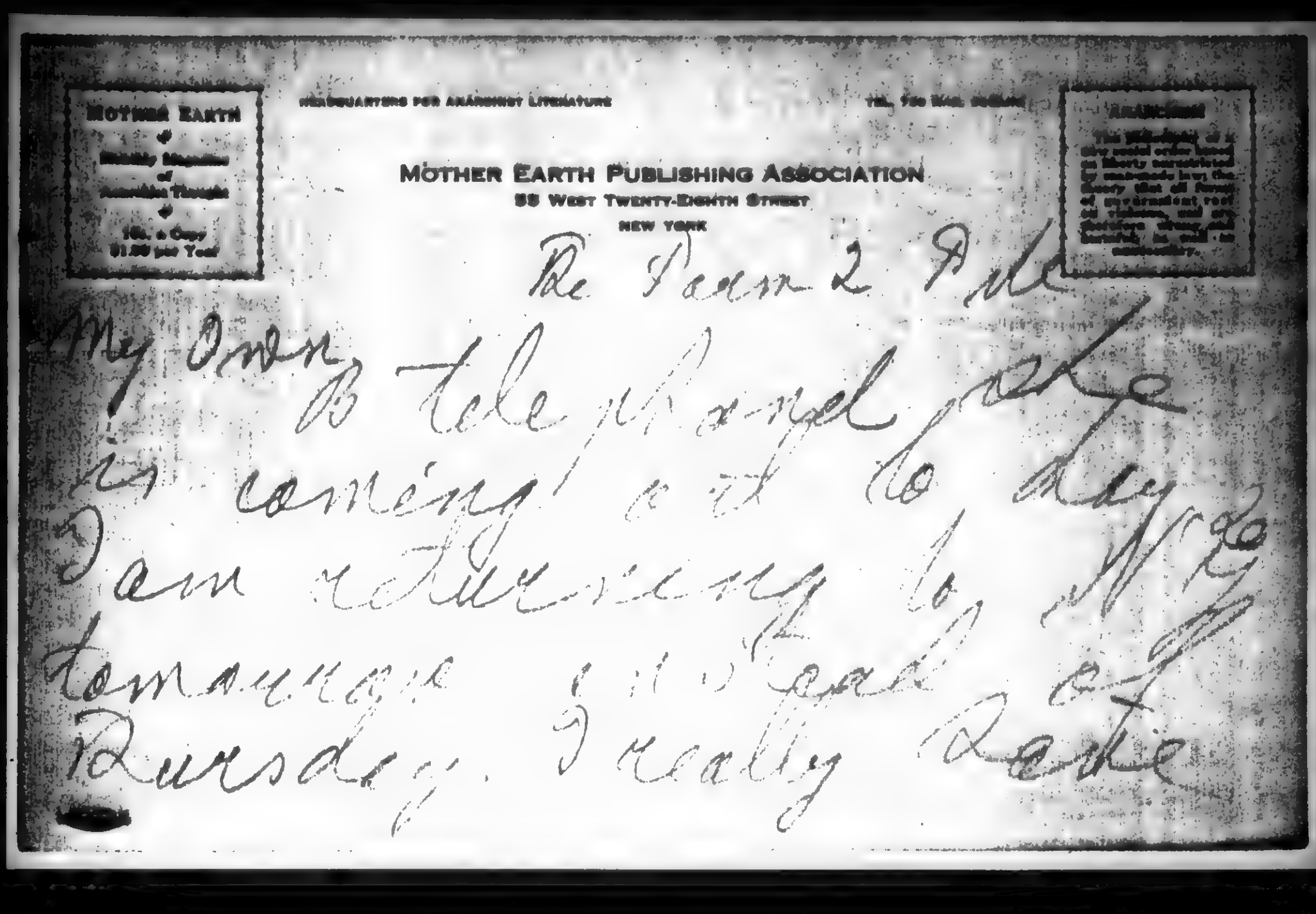

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B telephoned she is coming out to day I am returning to Mrs Lemanuge's instead of Tuesday. Really Rose

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not the strength to keep
house and many people
also my health
want to be alone with
B. He began just realize
yesterday and has
already gotten thoroughly

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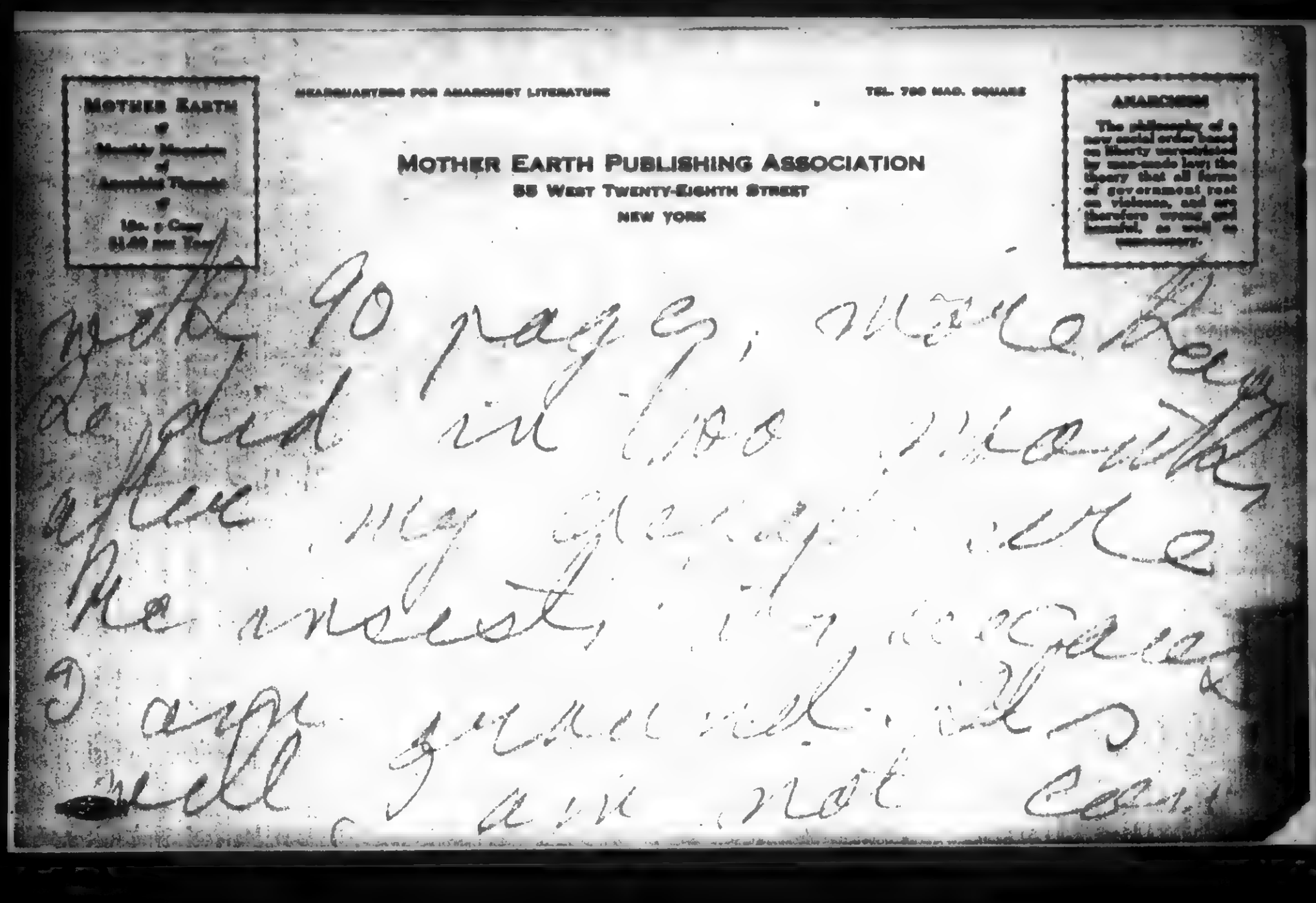

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with 90 pages, which he
decided in two months
after my great work
for me in Chicago, it seems
I am quite well. This
well I am not can

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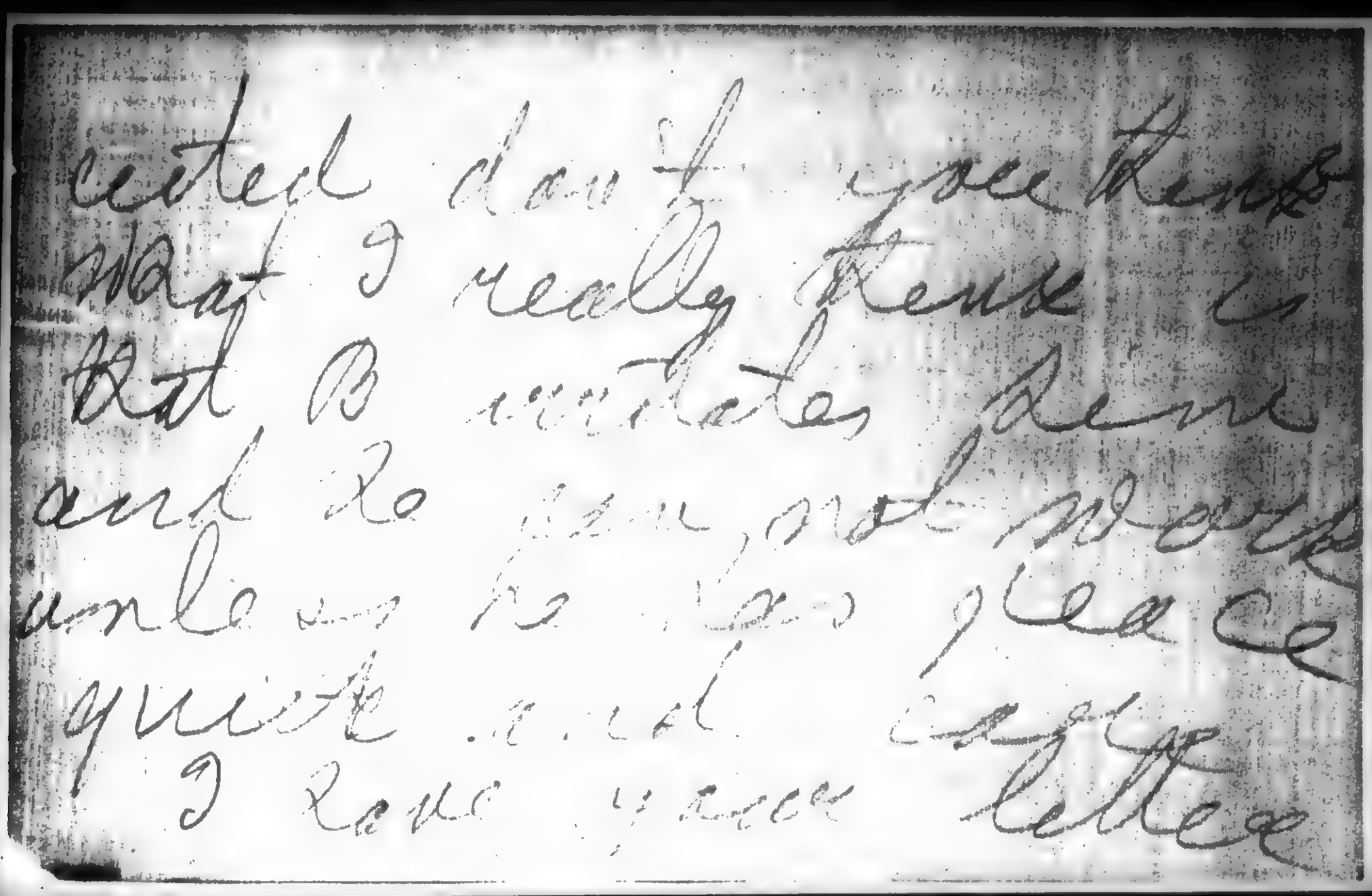
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that I really have
but B vacillates there
and he has not money
unless he has plenty
quick and I
I have your letter

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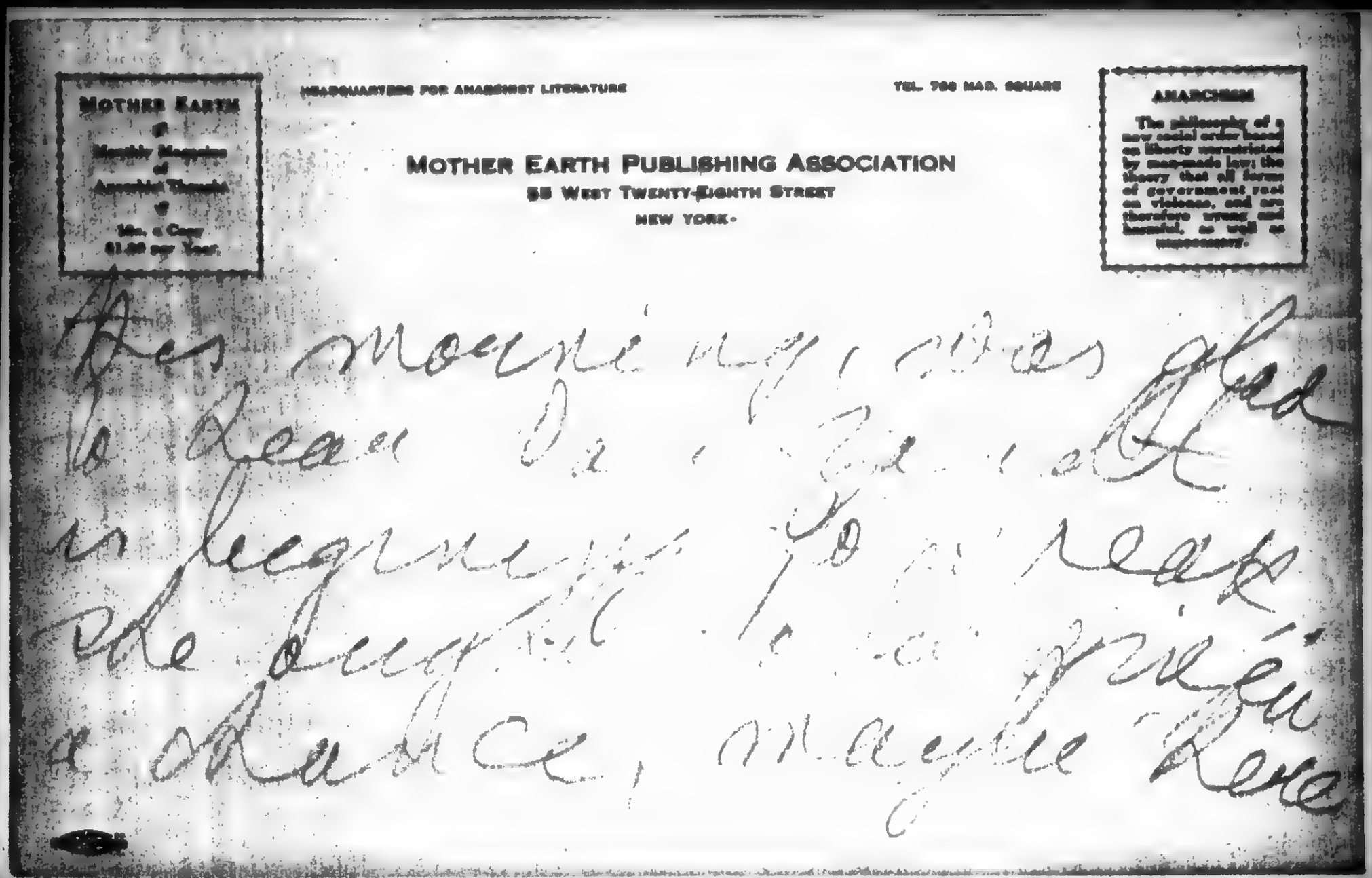

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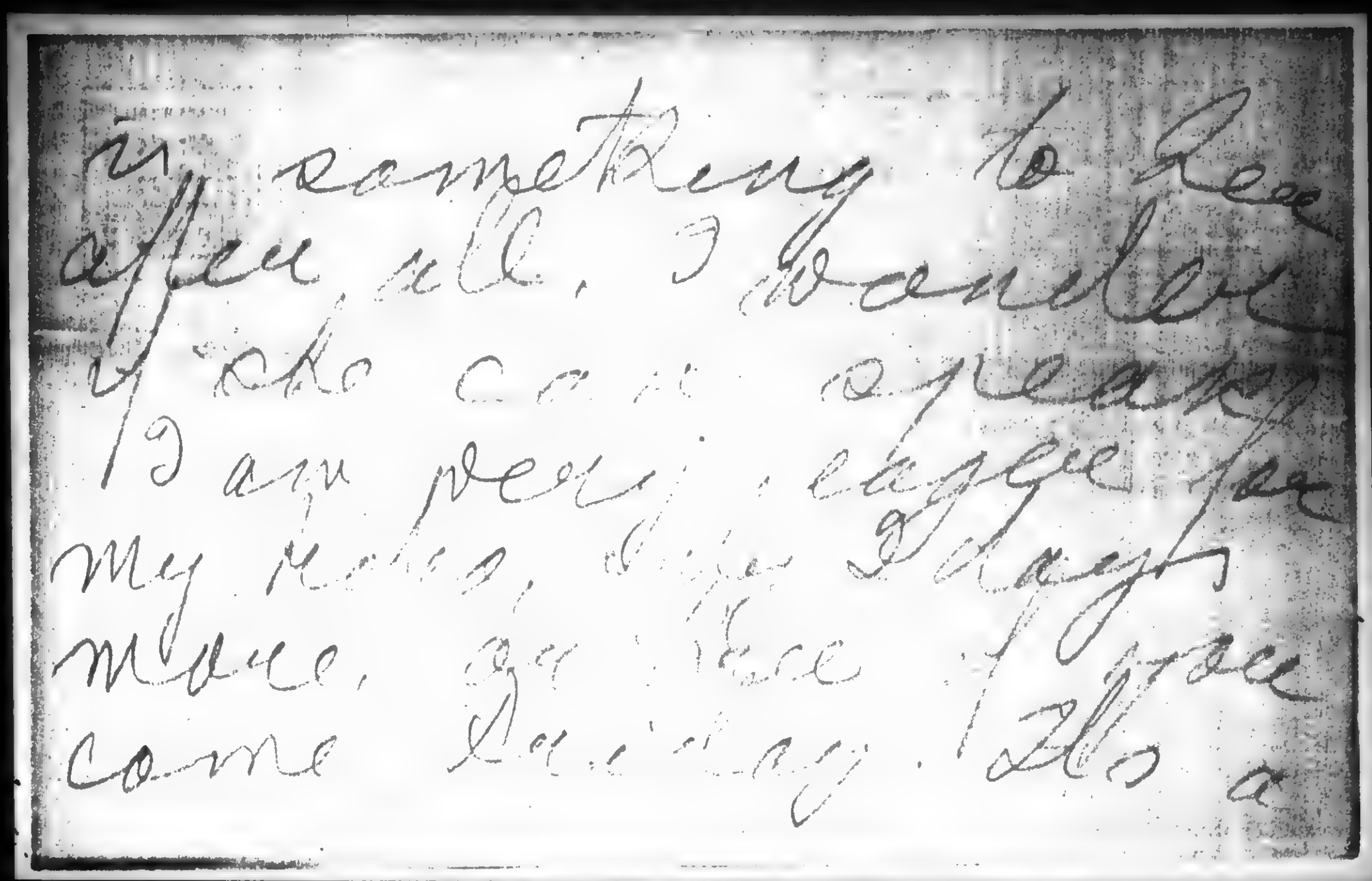

I remember to see
after all, I would be
who can really
I am very eager for
my notes, the days
move, so here I free
come Sunday. It's a

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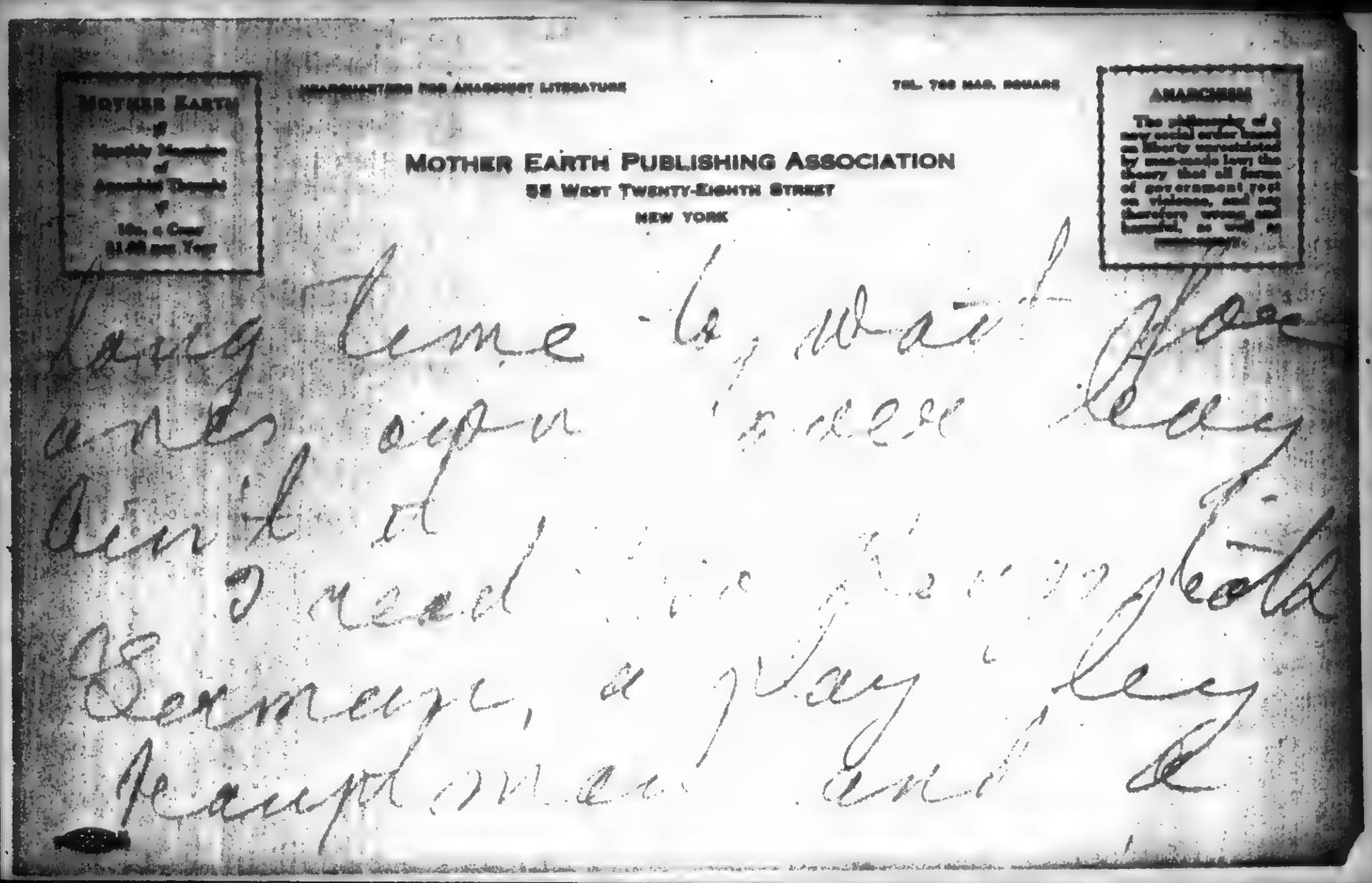

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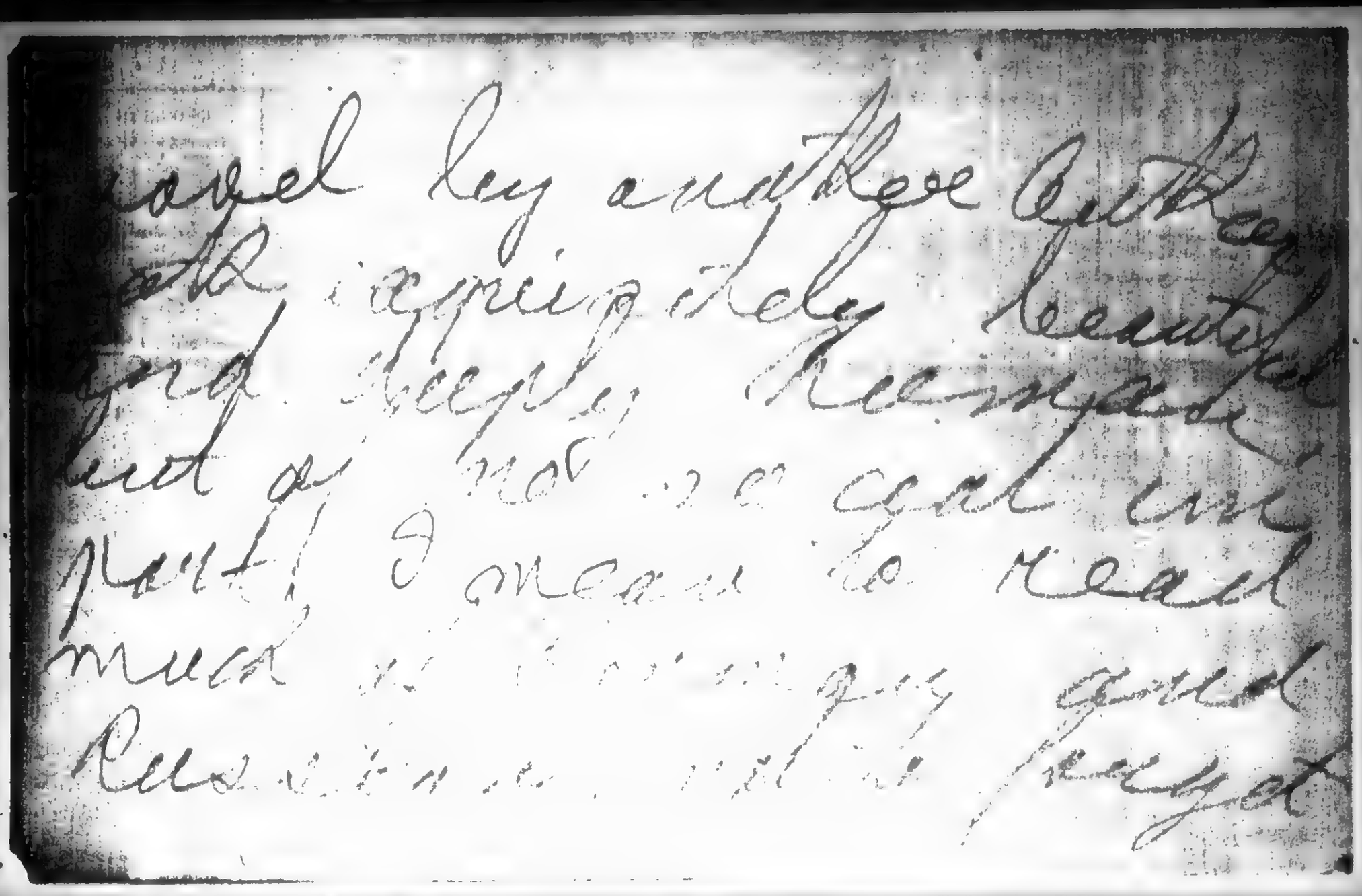

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the language. Bought Res
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in Paris. Lived Hungry
with Ben at 40 cts a
day. Before now you
a meal. Had a hot
bath. Smell fresh and
empty and light. My

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Rafe, you will take the
good News and also
Ant Mendersohn

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July 31st 1912

My Mommy dear

Very joyous note with the sad post script same.

I could not get in New York before Friday so I will start tomorrow morning at 11 A.M. over the Erie. It is a fast train and I get there 4 P.M. Friday. If I took the Lake Shore I would only get in at 9 30 PM.

So Mommy will meet Hobo at the Erie Depot at 4 P.M. Friday. If I miss you in Jersey I will take

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The Subway in Jersey right
in 28th St.

I am so sorry that Mommy is
worried about about Tony Man
and Bucie & running about.
We were careful. I see him
tonight for the last time.
He shaved me and cut my hair
today. I am fairly careful.
I want to see the critter Tony
when when I get in New York

Mommy / Bobo is coming and while
is so stiff and proud. I expect
this letter to get to you in the
morning and Bobo will get there in
the evening. We will spend a little
time at the office Friday and then go

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is the big deal what money
got for me.

I bought two big sheets
grips I had, so much easier
to carry. It is painfull to
see my moches worried so seeing
me pack. Moches is beautifull devoted
to me. So is my little Nephew
Shine your darling and I so
good to be so devoted to you.
I hope you will be happy and
not worry about Bob.

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I hold you close & bite
you and pledge you that
I want to and will lay so hard
in my own fool way to make
you happy. & up is full
of hope and cheer. Feel
the mountain in back out for
how is you to eat then and
let me open treasure box to
prepare for great floods

I am your and I come
joyfully to you

Till we meet

Bobi

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THE POWER OF THE IDEAL

> In those eyes that had never seen the day, in that half-shaped brain was a sensation of light! Light—that it never had seen. Light that perhaps it never should see. Light—that existed somewhere!
>
> And already it had its reward: the Ideal was real to it.—Olive Schreiner in "A Dream of Wild Bees."

IN THE May issue of our magazine I stated that "We are to come back later for a month, at the request of the Denver *Post*, if only the wind does not blow in another direction, which, in newspaper ethics and the Colorado climate, is apt to happen."

We did come back, and, while little had changed in the climate, two months had proven too long a task for the newspaper ethics of the *Post*. We found it involved in a criminal libel suit; hence unwilling to have in its columns articles from E. G.'s pen.

Apropos of criminal libel suits. What a farce they are, in view of the fact that our entire system—governmental, commercial, and moral—rest on libel, fraud, and dishonesty. Of course, almost everybody knows this to be so, but everybody hates the other fellow to say as much about him. Therefore the dirty linen is dragged into court, and the majesty of the law plays the washerwoman. What a farce!

Our drama class in Denver, which had been ably conducted during my absence by Ida Kruse McFarlane, met me with great enthusiasm, amply making up for the disappointment in regard to the *Post*. A few of our ablest pupils had left for their vacation; most of them school teachers, who had tired of their task to stuff their victims like geese for slaughter, had gone for a rest. But the vacancy was made up by new members, and when the work began we had an equal attendance.

August Strindberg, the great Swedish dramatist, was to me always the most unique and sombre figure in the world of dramatic art. It is more than fifteen years that I first came across "The Father," Strindberg's most powerful play. Even since then it was my hope to bring him to the attention of my American audiences. Unfortunately, he was not accessible to the English reading

public, until now when his works are finally being published in English. Thanks to this, I was able to acquaint my class with the life, the struggle and the masterly works of the Swedish dramatist, who, while not easily understood, is yet so fascinating that one is bound to go ahead, sometimes against oneself.

My class, too, became deeply engrossed, though but few were willing to accept the bitter, scathing attacks and criticism which saturate all of Strindberg's works. It was with regret that we turned to other dramatists.

The "Silver Box," "Strife," "Justice," and especially "The Pigeon," by John Galsworthy, called forth the most vivid discussions. Naturally, since all are social plays, flaying our social ills in a relentless manner. "The Pigeon" is more than merely a social sermon, it is a masterly critic of the hypocrisy and futility of all reforms, proving that poverty and vice are ingrained in our social fabric, and cannot be eradicated through punishment or charity.

Lastly, Andreiev's "King Hunger" came in for consideration, and with it the entire Russian literature. It is amazing how little even cultured Americans know about Russia. Turgenev and Tolstoy have long ere this been accepted by the intelligent American reader. But they have not helped to bring Russia closer to America, because Americans have failed to understand the soil whence spring the Russian works of art.

I was asked once, "Why is Russian literature so sad?" I replied, as I do now, because it is begotten in sorrow, nurtured in tears, and is born in the agony of the unsatisfied longing of the Russian people. It is that which makes the works of all Russian writers so deeply human, so wonderfully sympathetic, so much akin to the soil and the people whence the Russian writers draw their inspiration. In short, so unlike all other literature.

As during my first venture in Denver, so this time, I found the drama a splendid vehicle for social thought. Especially for people who, in this country, have so far kept aloof from the social and economic struggle which is daily becoming more acute. Perhaps not so much because of indifference but rather because the professional class until very recently had remained content

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with mere material acquisition. And, as it could easily get that, "all was well in heaven and God was on his throne."

All this is rapidly undergoing a change. The professional man and women of to-day find it harder than even the skilled worker to exist. With the material uncertainty inevitably came the uncertainty, the voidness, of all our social life, which is brought out more forcibly than in any other manner through the modern drama. Hence its importance as an educator of the professional class.

My stay in Denver, more than on any previous occasions, has been intensely interesting and useful to me,—not to mention the pleasant phase of it, which is very important in the life of an agitator. It was, therefore, with great reluctance that I bid my many friends and earnest pupils adieu. But he who is touched by the Ideal may never halt long in any place.

On my way to New York I stopped in Chicago. I have done that now for many years, but always I take away from it naught but pain and bareness. It was more accentuated this time through the loss of our Comrade, Voltairine de Cleyre, whose voice had come to me over the phone only two months prior. Those who knew the martyrdom of her life will feel with me that death was a relief for her. It was, therefore, not that which gripped me so, but the knowledge that her death, like her life, had been terrible (she suffered excruciating pains for nine weeks), and that the thing she longed for most and never had—harmony—was denied her in death as in life.

I went to Waldheim and found her grave within the shadow of those who had inspired Voltairine's soul—the Chicago Anarchists. There she lies, whose body had never known respite from pain, whose soul had never tasted peace, and who yet never relaxed, until the end, in her zeal, her wonderful zeal for the ideal she loved so well—Anarchism, the redeemer of the human race.

While on the firing line, one neither cares nor can reflect upon the use or the worth-whileness of one's efforts. It is only after the battle is fought that one may

ask, Why and wherefore? And ours was a battle, more difficult, more trying, more painful than any other in our experience. And now it is fought, we may ask ourselves, was it worth while, was it worth the price in suffering, in thrusts from friends, and persecutions from the enemy? Yes, a thousand times yes!

Not that we can boast of great victories, nor yet claim hosts behind us. But that more and more the perseverance and the determination to go ahead, to break through every obstacle, has created an interest in the things we stand for, which cannot but bear fruit. Especially is this true of the Pacific Coast, where the workers, partly through their own experiences and partly through the struggle we were forced to make, are beginning to see the truths contained in Anarchism and, even more so, the logic and inevitableness of the methods which the Anarchists have propagated these many years. Namely, direct action, a revolutionary, uncompromising attitude, and the general strike. It was therefore worth while.

But even if results were not apparent, the effort would still be worth while, because of its reward, that "the Ideal shall be real to thee."

EMMA GOLDMAN.

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MADAME MICHAELIS AND THE PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMAN

By OLIVE ALLERTON.

NOW that the sexual question is the most ardently discussed question of the day, because it is more intimately connected with society, and because, in different ways and with different tendencies, it goes to make up the modern struggle of life; now that women have found the courage to occupy themselves in public in spite of man, who, until now, thought himself to be the sole possessor of every knowledge, I have thought it necessary to speak, and to speak freely, on this subject. Especially after the last lecture at Carnegie Hall, by the well-known author, Madame Karin Michaelis.

Madame Michaelis has made a great noise in the world, especially in the feminine world, because, as a woman,

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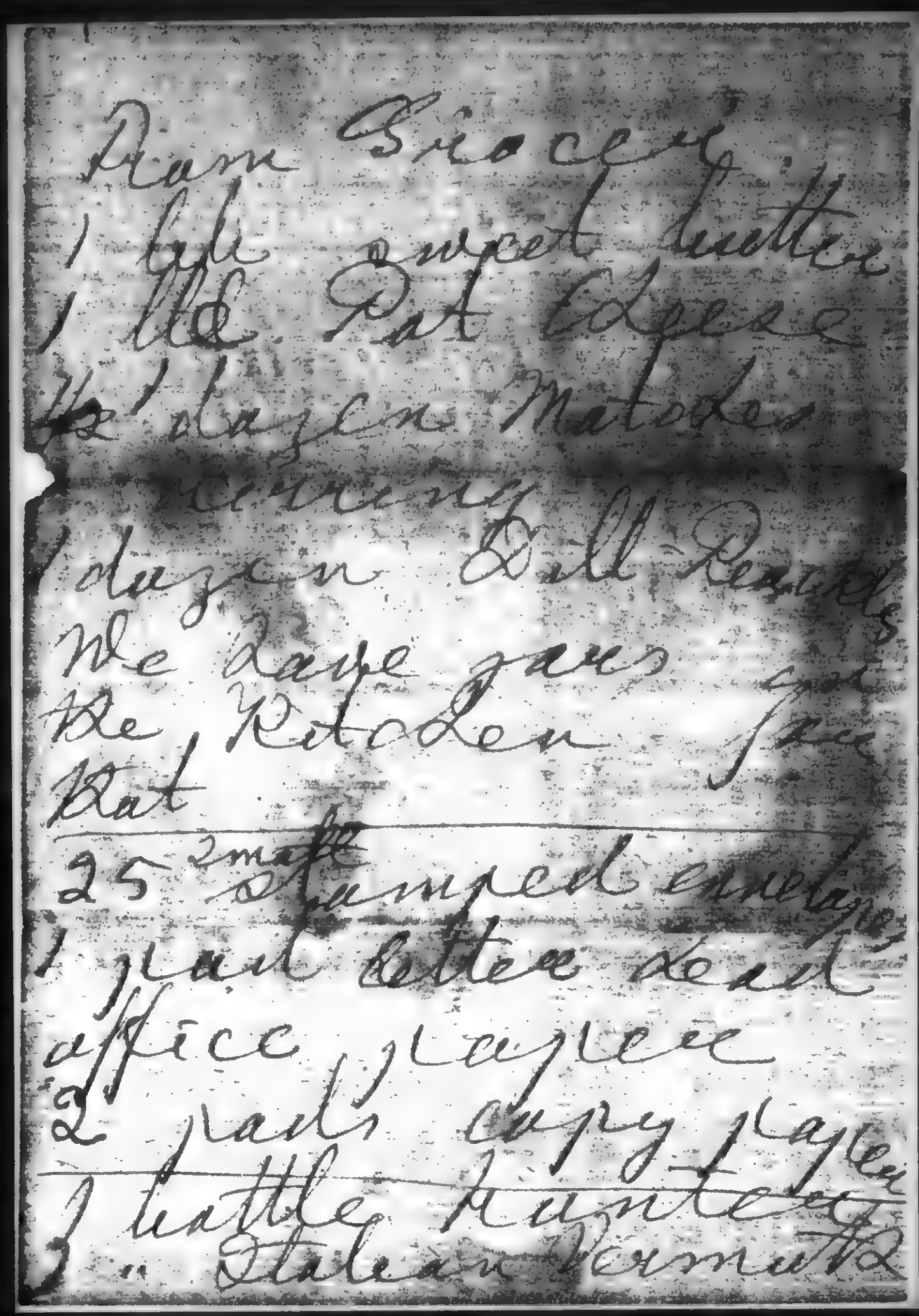

Dear Grocer,
1 lb. sweet butter
1 lb. Pat Cheese
½ dozen Matches
1 dozen Toilet Rolls
We have gas
Be Robber
Pat

25 small stamped envelopes
1 quart Castor Oil
office Cheese
2 pads copy paper
1 bottle Hunter
3 " Italian Vermouth

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small bottle olives,
if you can get one
for 25 c
If money does not
come in let I not
a few Dollars from
Grocer.
Bring juicy N.
and all the trimmings.
Credit under Grocer
Salem $15, also
the Office rent
if not yet done
so.

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Tuesday. After phoning Hobo.

How dare you say I denied W. Aint you ashamed? Dearest Hobo in all the World I love you, but I is sad and Hobo dont understand. If he would only be patient take me in his arms and be restful for a little while, the T-B. would soon respond. But Hobo is in that like in his meals, madly racing on and not giving the T-B. a chance. Almeda Sersi writes,"most men are so bent on their own desire they do not care if the woman satisfiys and are easy bluffed into thinking she is satisfied" Dont you think there is much truth in that? My trouble is, I can not bluff and when I am sad can not pretend I am glad. But, Hobo will forgive me and try to understand, won't he?

I am so sorry I csn not have Christine, I like the girl imensely, but I am determined not to give Alex any more excuses than I can help. He is begining to revise the Workhouse, a very important peace of work and until he is done with that, I can not have any disturbence. Besides I am coming in Friday. I am writing Christine, that she can can come out with me next week and stay for a while. Alex will read proofs then and it does not matter if we have strangers around. Expkain it to her please, I do not want to hurt the girl.

We will not be able to go away over Sunday, but we can go to a roof garden Friday and maybe go bathing near N.Y Saturday after noon, we could ask Louis and Christine if you like. But at any rate I am coming in Friday. Good by darling boy, I loves you awfully much and I kiss W.

Emma

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My great Lover.

In the Soul of the mountain and E. B. the whole world becomes beautiful to me. I thank you for taking my "I love you in."

I have been in a dangerous position and you have saved me on rope ground

I have work to do at the office and need to be there until 1.45 then I see about other things and at 4 P.M. I go to Union Square to sell tickets

With the love

Ben

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Date Parnassus

Dearest: They didn't have a meeting on the streets after all last Sunday. I didn't get put in jail and I am [illegible] Lots of the socialists from the town are coming to Homestead [illegible] on the wagonloads full of socialists were put in jail at Homestead last Sunday.

The socialists had a permit but it was taken away from them by the police and then they were arrested for not having a permit. [illegible]

[illegible] I am [illegible] my mileage money to pay any [illegible] if I used my ticket money I then wouldn't get to see you?

[illegible]

I read the letter you told last night. My sister told me [illegible] a lot of gossip she heard [illegible] me and when I went out I [illegible] mother she [illegible] at me as if I were a [illegible] to my [illegible] and [illegible] even was a [illegible] to the [illegible]

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the things I believe in and she always says to me, "Don't disgrace your family name."

I have a sister Anna, all one gets in her house is Jesus Christ and culture. One day a friend of mine, whom I hadn't seen for years, was hunting me up and she asked my sister Anna's husband where I was and he said, "What do you want Almeda for? Has she done anything criminal?" I'd criminal him if I had him in some wild country. I'd make him forswear his God. Do you know what that skunk did? He bought a mortgage from some man - cheap; the man did not like to foreclose the mortgage for the mortgagee was a widow-woman with children. That skunk sold that woman out. And then I'm a criminal. And that dirty son of a sensagamian slush-biler prays to this God every night. I [illegible] what [illegible] can tell my mother. My [illegible] Christ was even

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followed me in a taxi. And to think my sister Ottilla would go and tell my mother a bunch of gossipy lies on me and I never tell anything on her. I'm done! I'm done with the whole family. They can have their Jesus and I'll have myself and when I need any Jesus I'll take him out of a bottle.

They are having a fireman's convention in this town and the town is filled with the offscourings of hell; they start to drag cow bells around the streets at five in the morning and this morning some drunken firemen started a bon-fire out in the street and then turned in the fire alarm. Down at the fire-engine house they have free beer where the firemen can suck all the beer they want for nothing. There is a carnival in the town, too, and the merry-go-round plays 'Hosanna in the Highest' to music time all day and [illegible] down.

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The class of men who belong to the volunteer fire companies in Pennsylvania are bums who like cheap excitement and who sell their votes for booze. Five of the 'brave lads' (that's what it says on the decorations) got on the backs of a couple of mules belonging to a farmer and the farmer told them to get off and when they wouldn't he licked the whole five and the farmer was pinched and the 'brave lads' - sons of a free country - were not. They were going to keep the saloons open all night but the church people sent in a remonstrance about a mile and a half long so the saloons have to close at the usual time.

For the accommodation of the visiting brave lads a lot of dames were imported here and three more [illegible] are running full tilt. [illegible] This is a [illegible]

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world some comfy.

I went to see the fat lady at the carnival last night. She weighs 600 lbs. It was raining outside and I bet she wasn't doing much business. She and the fat lady say to a musician, "Ain't it all? When it ain't as 'ot as 'ell it's a rainin' guts and this ain't gettin' us any potatoes for the mintah." And the man who runs her show said, "Shut your mouth, Victoria, you're too goddam fresh." I laughed at that fat woman 'til I got weak. She made a running fire on the 'boobs' who were gaping at her... Every once in awhile I'd say to her, "Say something more, Victoria," and she would. Every time it would seem [illegible] Victoria would [illegible] up her hands and [illegible] Gord-dorm! I hope the [illegible] [illegible]

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don't come down on me. I 'ad me dom 'ead cracked wiper once and 'ad fifteen stitches put him fit." Then the barker came in and said, "We will now have a lecture by the lady herself." Victoria rose ponderously and turned around once and said, "Victoria! Born in Cheshire, England — measurin thirty-two and a 'alf around the arms and" — I forget how she put down. "Then she measured around the waist." Fred had to drag me out of there. Then Fred took me in to see the skeleton-man — "Caused from smoking cigarettes!" O, my eye! I'll never forgive Fred for taking me in to see that hideous; he is only a walking miscarriage. The fat woman isn't a freak for it — nothing for a beef-eating Cheshire woman to weigh. [illegible] I wish the week were over. This

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Town is a night-mare. The thing that is dirtiest in this world and needs most washing is humanity.

This sure is a rare town for its size.

You want to know what I've been doing all week? I washed two days and cleaned and pressed clothes the other days. Today I'm resting. The 'lu-ave ladd' are going to parades and Fred and I are going to see it and watch the crowds.

I'm awfully lonely. That's the reason I wrote this letter full of nothing.

I think of nothing but you, dear. I'm only going to stay about two days when I come there for I won't have much money beside my ticket and I never ask or expect favors of friends. I only want to see you, please, and no strangers. A.

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My sister said that if she were I she would not go to New York in my cheap clothes. Sister has lots of clothes but she is owing everybody. You don't care about clothes, do you, dear? I don't care what I wear just as long as my clothes are clean. In fact I never think about clothes only to have them clean. I never was female — I was so ugly 'til some girl in Cleveland said that my appearance went against me. Then I took a looking glass. O gee! my nose, and my head! it's so little and shaped like a congenital idiot. Well, it isn't empty, anyway. And my wrists are deformed, too.

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Cleveland
800 ROOMS
JAMES H THOMPSON, MANAGER
ADAM W KUECHLE, TREASURER

Dearest: Enclosed you will find a picture of the last rose of summer. Cincinnatti nearly killed me — it was so hot there and besides it is a disgrace to American manhood. I'll be home on the 20th. I wonder why the

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Cleveland
800 ROOMS
JAMES H THOMPSON, MANAGER.
ADAM W KUECHLE, TREASURER.

devil I rushed across
the state and back
in three days - !

I am going over to
the library and read
Keats.

I've been ~~off~~ the
water wagon for
about two weeks and
am going off again.
Fred don't know where
I am. Am going to

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East Schenk for a
couple of days and
then back to that
jumping off place,
New Kensington.

If you like me
when I come to New
York perhaps I'll
live there so I can
see you often. I'll
get a job if its only
washing dishes.

Lovingly
Almeda.

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New Kensington
Pa

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Dearest: I am sick abed with quinsey. I don't know how I ever got it. I had a cold in my lungs when I came home and now it is in my neck. Raphael don't need to talk diet any more to me. One can diet til hell freezes over and if one get a chill in a draft, he's got a cold and that's all there is to it.

How will the 7th of September suit you to have me come. That will be the best. I feel

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more like piping out just now than going to New York.

We are going to have a free speech fight here on Sundays. I reckon some of the people are scared at the protest meeting we had for those two Italian men who were arrested in Saurena. The streets of New Kensington were packed with socialists and there were swarms of Italians. Now the police say if we have another open air meeting without a permit our speakers will get pinched.

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so as fast as one is pinched another of us will get up. If that low down bunch thinks it can stop our mouths it is mistaken. Here I've been paying my money out in this town for three years. The prices of food and other commodities are prohibitive. The business mens association practically decides what we shall buy and what we shall not buy. For a long while I was unable to buy Pillsbury's flour. I don't know why it was tabood by the business men but it was

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Sundays is the only day the working man can listen to speechs and if they allow the Salvation army to hold meetings without a permit they have a right to allow us to do the same. There is nothing else for a working man to do but get drunk or go to church and I think that as far as church is concerned, the working man is at last finding out that prayer never paid his rent.

Fred says he is going to lock me in the house on Sundays. I hate this

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jail here. I heard it is buggy and all one gets to eat is a sandwich and a cup of black coffee. They'll find out that they are not mixing with a bunch of dummies. Nothing but a square meal goes or they'll get in Dutch.

So we'll do that every Sunday and get let out on Monday.

The police in this town are a lot of dirty, black-hearted, low-lived scoundrels.

Sorrowfully,
Almeda

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Did I ever send you
this one?
A little brown worm
am I.
I dwell in the earth and
enrich it.
Do you love me?
You and I are part of
the same thing.
A.

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New Kensington, Pa
Aug. 1st, 1902.

Dearest: If you could peep into my bedroom just now you would see a scene of what is apparently domestic bliss. The atmosphere is very clear and Fred is lying on the bed reading the newspaper. Last night he was angry with me because I gave a bucket of soup & a loaf of home made bread to Irene Jeavon. Jeavon runs a stock company under canvas in the summer

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time and plays in little jerk-water tow in the winter. She has an audience of about two hundred every night and plays such stuff as Dora Thorne, East Lynne, etc. I asked her why she didn't sing in a good one once in awhile, She is the leading lady and owner of the show and never even heard of Bernard Shaw, Ibsen, Hauptman or any of them.

Fred is just like my mother. Every time I would take a show girl home to dinner she

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glowered at us and they never would come back again. Fred says he isn't paying a grocery bill for show actors.

I wonder if everyone is as dippy as I am about shows. I remember in Cleveland one time I darn near starved saving money for shoes and when I got enuf for shoes why I used it to see Maud Adams in "The Pretty Sister of Jose" and then got cheap shoes that crippled my feet for ever after. I remember how I that her voice

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rang false when she was pleading with the Virgin to intercede for the life of the toreador and I that her caste was born and, mind you, I think a mighty heap of Maude Adams. I almost committed suicide when Sara Bernhardt was to come here last and I was broke. but Fred gave me a dollar and I got a seat in goose heaven. What a voice Sara has - what a golden, liquid voice and what an enunciation. I have practiced her rage in La Tosca in

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front of the looking glass. She was perfect only in one little piece of business where she spread it on just a little too thick.

Wouldn't it be grand, Emma, if the government would run the theatres and let the people in for nothing? Why, they could make out of the people just whatever they liked. If I could go to a good show every night I'd work for just my grub and enuf of clothes to hide my nakedness and I'd be kind to everybody.

Did you ever see Bernhardt in Salome? Then you

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can show me (5)
how she renders,
"Frappe, frappe, Naa-
man. Frappe, je te
dis . . . Non. etc." Maybe
I haven't had a hell of
a time translating
Salome. My knowledge
of the French language
is very slight — just a
word here and there.
Damn the verbs! and damn
a language that has no
neuter gender for every-
thing of any importance
is endowed with the
masculine gender in the
French language. It's
enough to make a person
blow up and bust. You
don't have to puzzle over

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The masculine or Feminine in French for whatever gives it is masculine and whatever gets it is feminine. I told that to Elvira Hunett and she told it to her father and he said, "Natural'y! whatever is most important is a male." He needs a good stiff kick in the rump.

I am real, real well this morning.

They are going to bring Cossacks here and build a barracks. Sonsofbitches!

Lovingly
Almeda.

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Dear Comrade. Reitman has answered your letter, so I will only talk of the thing I had intended to write you about. Namely, the 25th Anniversary of the death of our comrades. We intend to issue a Memorial number and have written to a number of comrades in America and abrode to send us contributions. We want something from you.

If I mistake not you have known our boys, have you not? Perhaps you can write something reminiscent of time? Or, something dealing with things after they were executed? It is not to be very long, say 1000 or 1500 words, even a little more if its important matter. We must have all material by Oct 1st.

Yes, it is terrible that we lost Voltairine; but it was best for her, as she was such a terrible sufferer. The same, I fear is true of Winn though no doubt he clings to life. I do not know what to do, it is impossible to again approach comerades in his behalf, unless we do it publicly in M.E. If you think he will not object, write a short appeal I will bring it provided it does not reach us too late for this issue. He is very sensitive and may not like to have it done, he ought to be asked.

Fraternally.
Emma Goldman

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Y. P M.

Dearest Hobo. Have just finished my days work, which may seem strange considering that we are only two out here. And yet I seem to keep busy every minute. Until noon I was busy with my article, then when I had taken it to the box it was nearly one. After that I began with dinner and before dishes are washed and things cleared away it is late. I also washed a little today. Well, I should not mind work so much although I tire terribly, if only there were some harmony. But Alex has been moping ever since we arrived.

He is working, though I do not know what he is accomplishing. He has not said a word for three days. Last night we nearly had a row about his book. I had written a note to go into M.E, but he did not like, said, I am trying to make him out crazy. Fortunately Max was present so it did not lead far, else I should probably have been in N.Y. It is awful to be out here with a human being who sulks, God only knows why. I have not forced the note, but waiting until the dummy is being made, by that time he may change. But [illegible] made of some sort.

[illegible] I [illegible] my article to day, think its pretty good, although one does [illegible] such circumstances. Dearest, I hope you can [illegible] day, I am truly lonesome for you, besides there is not much to do on Saturday and we ought to have a little time together, we might go bathing or some such thing. I am certainly entitled to some recreation, I get precious little, dont you think? We'll need several things when you do come, also if Goldman does not send all of the stuff until Thursday, you will have to get it Friday because the dummy must be made here.

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Inclosed is a laundry check, the laundry is near our Grocers, you have to pay 24 cents for the house cloths and about an equal amount for two of your shirts and a night gown. Get the things dear, and though it is not very poetic I must ask you to put that anti bedbug stuff in the large bed, B. will shew you how to do it. Nice kind of letter to write ones lover, but such is life.

My own boy, I love you and I is sad when you are away, I want you too much for my good, but I am so glad ypu are in the office. I know Hobo will work hard and faithful. Sweetheart, I wonder if you could not try Cooper Union? I wish we could get it for Dec 9th Kroptkins birthday, it is such a pitty to have such a meeting in Manhatten Lyceum. Of course it is better than nothing

Tomorrow, when I get your letter I will add something to this, will close now with much love and devotion.

Mommy

P.S. Alex just told me that there is a lot of literature for New Zealand, at the expressmans down. Haley understands our place. It was delayed owing to the rapport strike. It goes via Southern Pacific. Have it weight is accepted now and have that too shipped to Joseph.

Mail the inclosed letter to Lakeside I do not have his address.

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Out on the wild Place. August 6th. [1912?]

My dearest Nunya. Die Note which you sent me some time ago reached me too late to write you to Philadelphia. But as you gave a long Island address I imidiately wrote to you hoping to get a reply the next day. Fancy my sur prise when the letter was returned. Have you not gone to Long Island?

I am out here since the 29th of July, but have been in the City for several days last week to meet Ben who is now in charge of the office. Alex and I are out here, it is so beautiful, so very quiet as to bring peace eben to my torbulant soul. Of course, I have the usual house keeping to do, but as we are only two it is not much. I get time for reading and writing which means much to me. Alex is at work. If only his book were finished. You can not imagine what it has already meant to me, and the agony is still far from over.

I am deeply sorry I did not get a chance to see you, I would love to have you out here. Where are you now anyway? How do you feel? Do write me a long letter and tell me all about yourself and if you are near N.Y give me accurate directions, I may come out as soon as I go to the City. Or perhaps you can come out here, you will enjoy it I am sure.

With much love. Remember me kindly to George.

Emma

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Dear my Love

I feel rotten today
awfully depressed, must be
due to the weather. It is
[illegible]
[illegible]
very miserable
there is nothing to do not
even saw Bob getting
me any nothing and I
do not ask. Just I suppose
he is making a long flat
if only that loop will be
done. It shall mean
a new era in my life
you bet.
Since business is so
dull I do hope you will
come Friday, I want you
awfully much. You date

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Letter phone Ralph Friday
explaining about M & Hyatt
She has not sent them
be sure to get them before
you come but, be during
that not be made longer
than 2 p. you will not
have the money time until
Sat B-P on 14th
I also want a few Beyer
from Grocer and butcher
and get them Saturday before
and leave so as not to
spoil them in the heat
write a lot of letters
Tuesday and have some
to write to day; I want
Keep Dance Vinal dream
of my wave with dying
the also Remember me to Hilda
I want you Dorey more
Mary more

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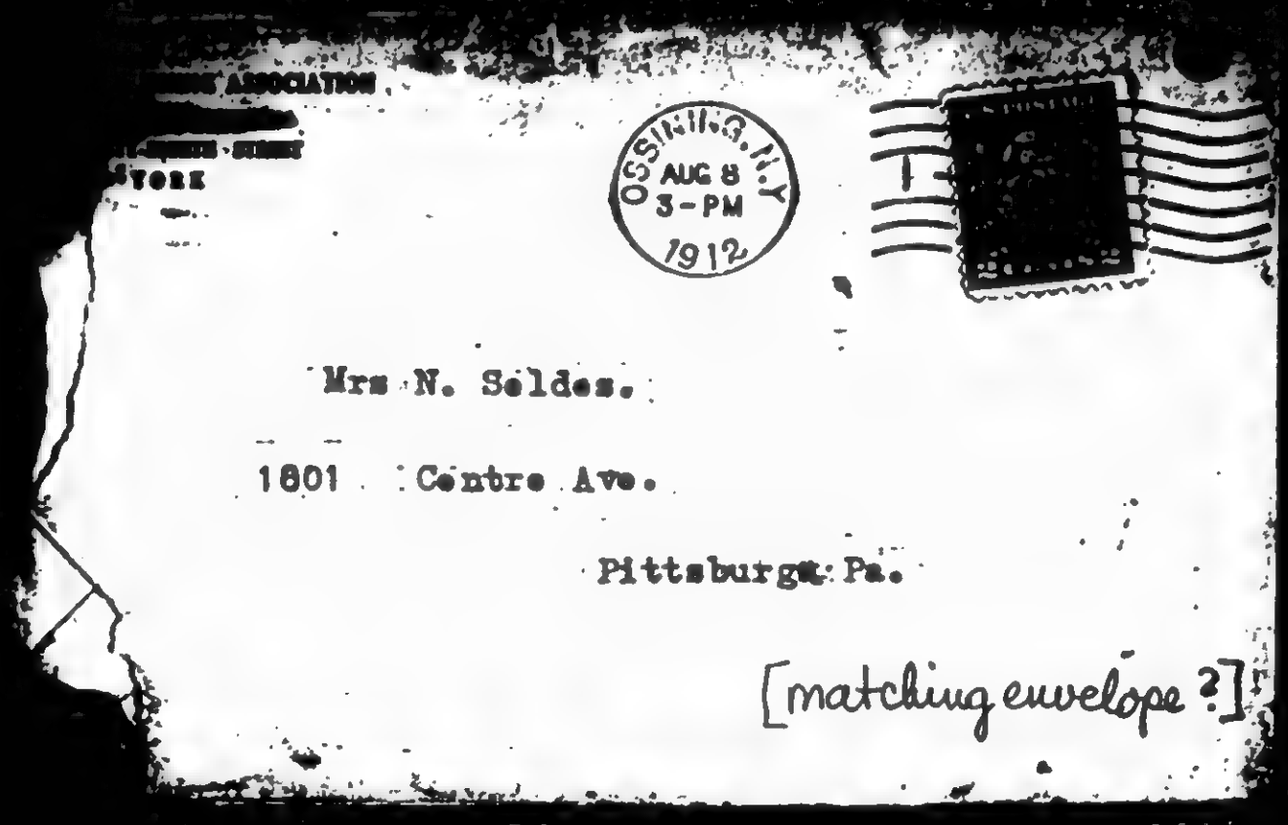

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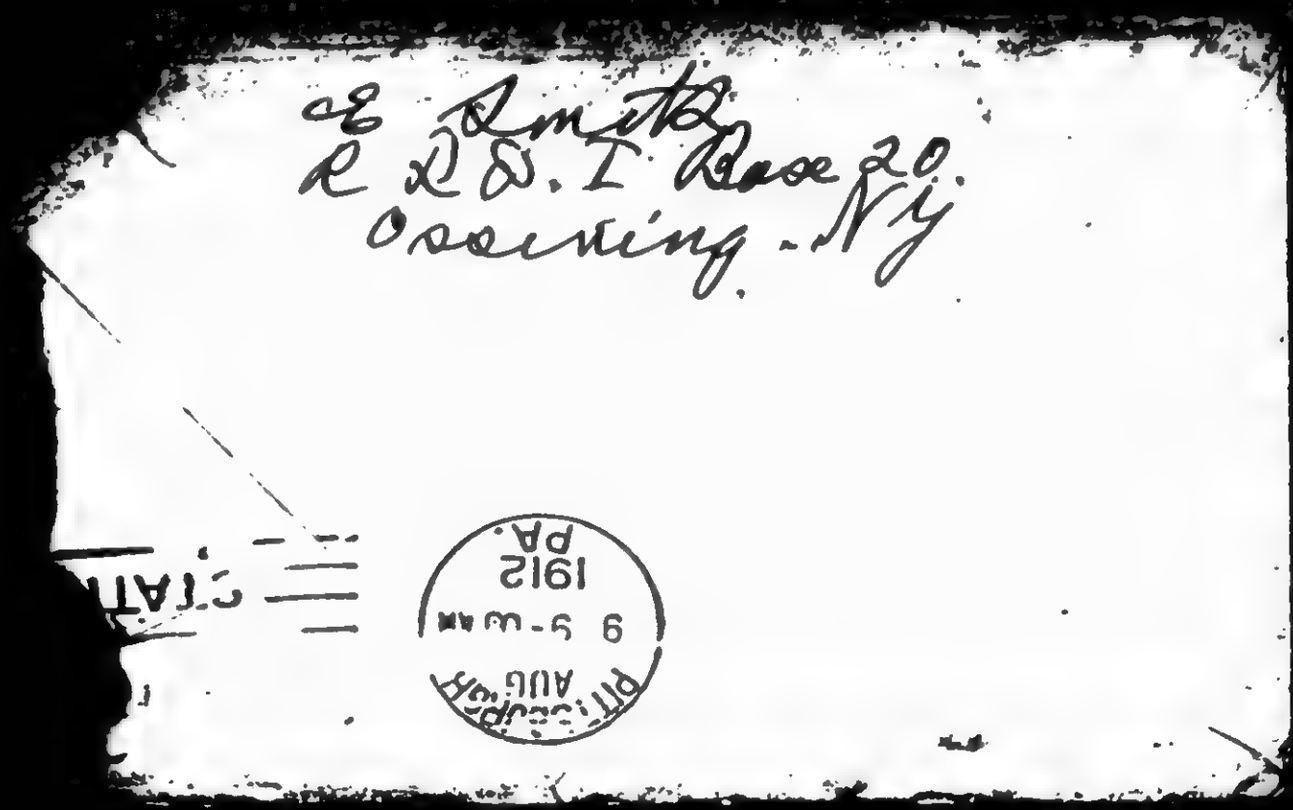

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Quinzy 8 th.

Sweet dear I just received your letter and am in bed answering it. I went to bed early. Quinzy makes a person awfully tired.

No, I never heard of Lee Ge. Whoever he is he must know what he is talking about. When a woman makes up her mind to [illegible] that's the [illegible] about it – in a matter of fact way. She must wear a mental [illegible] or her bosom [illegible] would be horrible. O [illegible]

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becomes used to it and forgets after each incident; that is the only way I can to cultivate a forgetting memory. I once started to count on my fingers how many men I had been with and when I reached my last finger I cut the counting out. I was appalled at the number. I know you could never do a thing like that and that is one reason I like you. you are so strong – and yet so comprehensive.

I have absolutely no reciprocation as far as passion is concerned.

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for a man who jumps me for sex. So event is such a [illegible] for self gratification that he seldom bothers to find out what then the woman really is or not and if she does want response he is usually the "blighted." Nearly all men try to buy love – if they don't do it by marrying they do it [illegible] wise and that is [illegible] I have such a contempt for men. Love should be worshiped but love seems to be with most people – [illegible] I fear – never will be

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any man. I've seen too much and I am not fool.

Possibly you are right about my not being tired. Perhaps I shall have him somewhere in the background always. Habit is even stronger than love and it is nice sleep with someone so that when a person wakes up in the middle of the night why one can touch the other person and not feel so alone. And then, too, in the winter time – wind – the wind howls. My word! If I were alone then, I'd ask the nearest people who had

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any friends of mine to
sleep with me [illegible]
the [illegible] of [illegible]
was [illegible] I
have no [illegible] what
ever [illegible] But as far
as violence is concerned,
violence does hold me
to anyone. It is the sweet
part of bed that holds me
and the fact that we have
been through stillness, pounds
and hunger and violence
together. The time he went
to cut my [illegible] I knifed
him in the abdomen and
he forgot about wanting
to slit my neck. You can
[illegible] if she
ever got [illegible] out
of me when she beat me.

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a loving glance, a pressure of the hand, a smile and I was then walking above but a

heaving or a rift in my spirit. the head and she was the one in fear then – not I. The inner part of me is untamed – it's never been licked. And if I had only seen her with a healthy body instead I want Bill – its my body that does such on me every time. I have to have so much sleep – the slightest excess of any sort and I end in fever fold. If I am in mood to get excited or angry –

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[illegible] sick. I even can't stand too much music. I don't [illegible] and get the [illegible] of Toscanini ([illegible] spelling) "Neapolitan Street Scene" [illegible] filling me with [illegible] unmanageable [illegible] A Neapolitan street scene [illegible] figure.

[illegible] a wild [illegible] savage. And they can't [illegible] with their [illegible] conventions, their stinking [illegible] more than [illegible] dream. And it is the untamed part of me that loves you because

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you don't mo[illegible] to put
leading stuff upon it.
If you had [illegible]
you. Then we [illegible] a lot
and you [illegible] a lot.
And it is [illegible] wild joy
of me that would be
unbearable in showing
it here for you in front
of [illegible] or in
a crowded room. My
eyes would sparkle with
love – they would fol[illegible]
you about [illegible] love
gaze [illegible] you always
[illegible]
if [illegible]
God! God! God! God!
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August 12th.

7. P. M.

My darling. I fear your visit here was anything but joyful I am so sorry dear, because I want to amke you happy and give you joy, much joy. Unfortunately there is no joy in my heart these days. Do not try to guess why, you are a very poor guesser.

I am not in love with that blue eyed boy" so you need not wrry on that score. Partly, my moods and depressions are due to physical reasons, I have been suffering terribly before and during manstruation of late, which is but natural considering that I always suffered and that I have come to the " dangerous age" But more so it is because I feel a great sadness in mk heart. Why? You will ask. For many reasons, because every year, after such drudgery as ours and dangers, we come back to where we started, the same misery, the same frict ions, the same worry. It has never been easy for me to bear, but I feel it very much this time.

Believe me sweatheart, I blame no one nor do I complain, only it seems so sad to me, that after six months of work I must come back to domestic service, to money borrowing to a thousand other things that pierce the soul. And with it all yie consciousness that every body thinks it perfectly natural for me to do it, and is indignat if I show the least resnetment. That is the sadest ot me.

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I hope I have made you see a little why I am so depressed, and why I can not always repond to your light heartedness which I love so much, in spite of everything.

I enjoyed my day alone more thnan I can tell, it is so seldom that I am left alone, yet we all need salitude to look into ourselves. I did a hard days work, scrubbing floors, they looked so dirty, and cleaning up generalyy, also reading the papers and writng a lot of letters. It is getting dark now, so I will have to stop, will write more tomorrow.

Dearest, send the inclosed to Dr Pohl I do not know his address. Find out from Brentnos, how much the work on Post- Impressionists, by C. Lewis Hid. is. Its published by George H. Doran Co. I suppose an English house. I wish you would do that for me soon, I have an order for it and besides, I want to read it myself

I am coming in Friday about six, Hobo can take me to dinner and some roof garden, or somewheras where I might forget to be sad. Then on Saturday, we might go to Glen Island, unless we make that trip to Atlantic City, only it may not be worth while for a day, we,ll see. Have you given my hat to clean? Please do it if you have not forgotten, also your suit, I want my boy to look nice when he goes with me.

I love you dear, very much, deeply and devotedly, I wish I could be jolly and make Hobo real happy. Good night dearet Hobo mine.

Send me Labadies address, please.

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A. M.

Wednesday, August 14th. 10,30

My best and most beloved in all the World. I was just going to send you a word of cheer because I have been feeling so much better since I heard your dear voice. And then, came two letters, one from Mrs Winn announcing the death of Ross Winn and one from Jack Whyte announcing his sentence and that of the the others. You can imagine that my cheer is no more. But I love you darling mine and the more our old ranks diminishe the more my life with you means to me.

Poor Winn, he clung to the post until the lsat, spending the few dollars sent for him for his paper. And not a new one to take the place of such splended workers as he or Voltairiene, it is very discouraging. More reason for us to increase our enegery to work with greater zeal and how would I do it without my darling precious Hobo. as dearest mine, you will never guess what you mean to me.

Dearest, Davie my nephew is coming in on the Grand Central tomorrow at six P.M. I wish you would go over to meet him and bring him my greetings. He is going away for a week and will return the 21st, he sails the 29th. I will come to the city to see him when he comes back from the county the 21st.

I am coming in Friday as already stated, will write you tomorrow what time to expect me. If I can get Rousseau to call for me I will leave on the 4,9 train arriving at 5. P. M. I will go direct to the flat to clean up for Hobo, you will find me there when you come back from the office.

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Should Rousseau not be able to take me to the Station, I will have to take a later train, as I could not walk in the heat, will write more difinitely tomorrow. At all events I expect to hear from you Friday, I get gloomy if Hobo does not write a day, that made me gloomy last Friday.

Dear heart, if Christine and her Bo want to go out with us Friday they should come to the flat about 6,30 tell them that, if not we will go out by ourselves. I love you dearest and want you, do not turture W. he is not yours, he belongs to the T.-B. see.

I hold you close to my heart that is yours Hobo mine.

Mammy

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Thursday
Just got through
washing and scrubbing
the only things I can
do here.
Ben, my dear. You
evidently did not
receive my letter with
Tuesday's 50 check
inclosed for your
mother. I hope it
did not get lost.
Things move along
distressingly slow
here. Alex is free

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from the end. It is my fault. If I had not gone in Friday he would have been done now. As it is he did not write a line while I was away and has been having an awful time to get back into the game.

Under the circumstances I have decided not to go in until he is

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done which may not
be before Wednesday
I hope it is
because I shall
be utterly disappointed
not to see the
Red designing maids
are not new to me.
I must end this
agony and stay
until he is dead.
and have no one

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out Reve until then
ges, I know the old
man is in town
he evidently does
not want to see us
which is agreeable
except that he plays
certain responsi-
bilities on me, which
he simply can
not shirk. I wish
you would send
him a note through

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Rudd to the effect that he see either Alex or myself about the stranger in the country, some thing must be done to settle the matter. Let me know his reply. – I wonder if there is something back of his not seeing us.

I will know more

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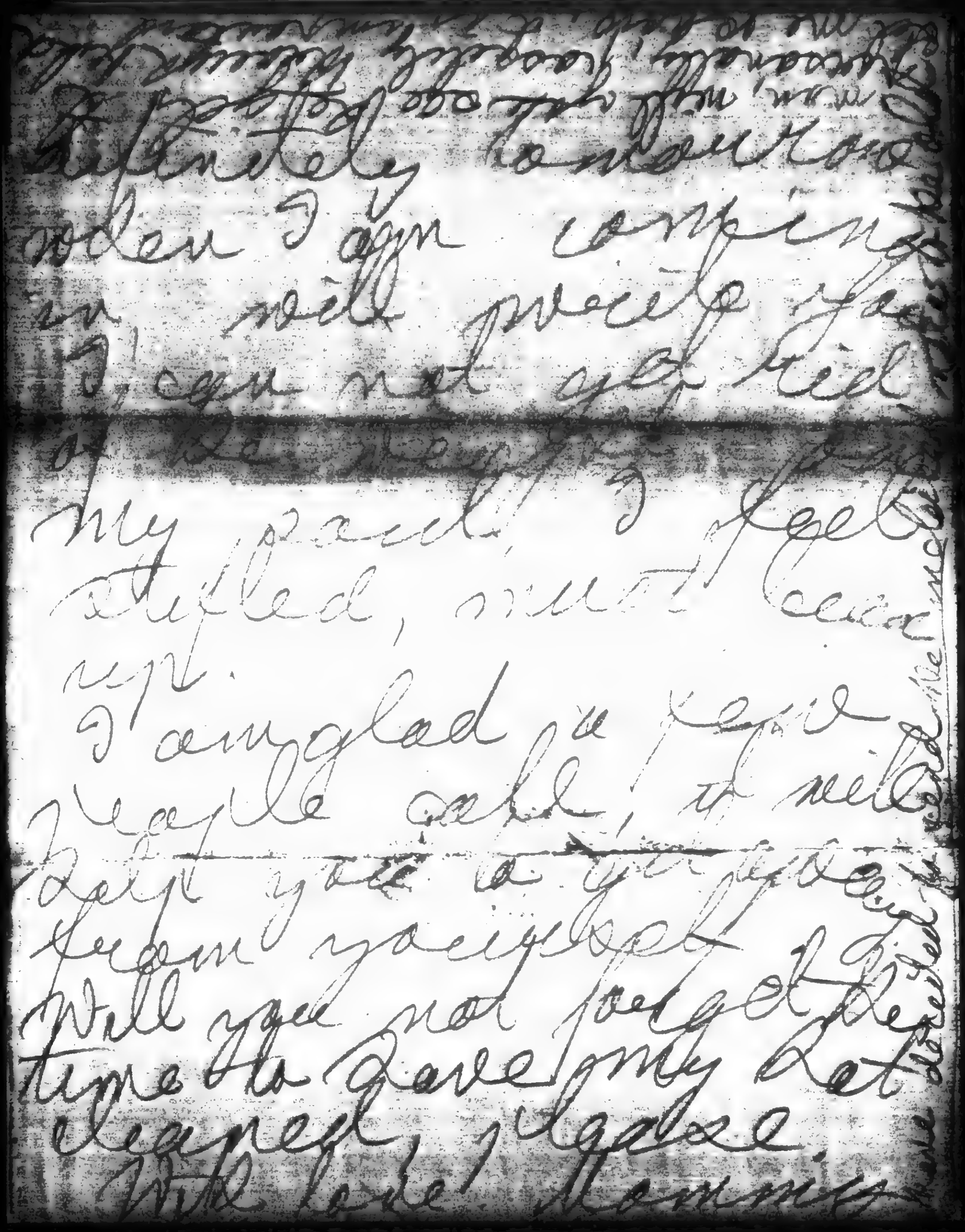

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Dearest petulant Hobo I love you but what is the use of telling you that? Anyway I do and I want you, oh I dread to think of the possibilities of disagreements, I could stand them better in the past, I am tired out with them, you see dear heart something always turns up and I am so sorry then I lose myself and become violent with Hobo, I suffer more than if Hobo becomes violent with me.

Good by sweetheart, honest you are my sweetheart and I wants you much.

With a great love and devotion Mommy

Please do not forget my Rat

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Be farm, in despair and gloom
Kolo. Saturday is the 24th, your mothers rent day. I have you will not permit her to suffer anxiety because of the
[illegible]
People generally
[illegible]
I
[illegible] day
something that, I might bring you green, but I feel as always when something comes between us, so inexpressible sad, not a ray

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of light anywhere
else, is all my
fault dear, is it
not? ~~Real~~ as if
the question were
not fault? As long
as we can as quite
fault the women
is lovely valiant.
Bravo my dear. — —
Mommy.

My going-to NY Sat
last also 4 days, so

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has not written a single
line. and the main
trouble of all things
our happiness has
been but little given
but this is only a day
in my life —
Please tell Ben
& Christine will
be able to do our
washing Sunday

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If not write to
our colored woman
Mrs Bella Reitman
316 W 47th
N.Y. City, Bex
Rey to come to our
place 216 E 13th St
Friday. But if
Christine can be
ready Rey to go
ahead any time

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August 20th.

My dear Comrade.:

I received the letters of poor Gussie Winn just when I had contemplating writing her, I mean the letter announcing Winns death. The human mind is certainly strange, I had been thinking all along that death would be such a relief to our unfortunate comrade, yet when the news came it upset me terribly. I think it is because I realized only then that we lost in Winn one more of the very few American anarchists who had firmness of conviction, which is so rare here.

I would like to bring something in M.E. about our comrades Life and Work. Did you know him personally? Or sufficiantly to write something about him? If so please send it on as soon as possible. I have written to Gussie asking her for some details of his life, when he became an anarchist and under what circumstances, also to send me a copy of his paper the last issue which he worked on to the last. I met Winn in Chicago years ago but not long enough to know much of him that I could now give to our readers, of course, I know his ideas and work in the papers he published, but that is not enough. ~~xxxx~~ Yet, I want to bring some little thing and also an appeal for her and their boy.

Let me hear from you soon. As I wrote Gussie, "we are losing the best of our comrades, the greater the need for us to inten our energie and keep the banner flying.

Fraternally. Emma Goldman

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In the Wilds of our little place. August 22nd. [1912]

My dearest Nuns. I am so glad that you have found something of interest to draw you on. I always thought that you would get back to yourself, if only there were something doing and surely the work in Pittsburg ought to be of interest and value. I am following up what is happening there through the I W.W papers, it must be a lively time.

The I.W. W is far from satisfactory to me, but I am glad they are advancing towards greater radicalism than the political socialists the latter are positively rotten. Unfortunately, the rank and file of the I.W.W are infected with that same dope, they may outgrow it in time. The amusing and interesting part is that they are gracefully using the methods which we have propagated all our lives and do not even find it necessary to admit that they are using anarchist tactics. However it really does not matter.

We will be in Pittsburg this year but do not know the precise just when. I do hope your "radical socialists" may not go back on you when you ask them to help with meetings for E.G. They are all very radical, over until it comes to that awful E.G. Lets hope I am mistaken. At any rate, if you will go into the work whole heartedly, [illegible] to arrange meetings for me. By that I do not mean [illegible] you lacked the energy, but you lacked experience [illegible] were not exactly in the work.

Berkman is having his last few weeks [illegible] writing the last chapter and will probably be here [illegible]

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the copy, he also has most of the proofs read and if all gose well the book ought to be ready for delivery at the end of Sept. Oh, that book. You have no idea, the travail, the anxiety, the tears ~~hxx~~ it has cost me. I am in such a nervious tension, I feel like the servant in a little sketch I once read, she was forced to take care of an infant that cried day and night. The poor girl was worn with fatigue, dying for sleep yet that brat would continue to cry, always cry. One night she dashed the baby to the ground and fell herself on the floor in a dead sleep. Thats the way I feel about Alex book. If it does not stop crying soon, i too should dash it to the ground, I feel I could not stand the strain much longer. But it will stop, it must.

I am out here doing my usual Summers ratio, washing, scrubbing and other domestic things, they rest the brain and soul, hich is something. But one thing I do not have this Summer, crowds, I have been wondering how I ever stood so many people, I am sure I could not now. But I miss you dear, and am so sorry you did not come.

I have just finished reading an able article in the Quarterly Review, on the Russian stage, it is the best of its kind, even though the man does not begin to understand Andreyev. By the way, did you read his "Kitz Hunter" it is a monumental work, he creates of its kind. If you have not read it, do. "Tzar Golod" I read it in English, published by the Boni Bros.

Where is your sister? Would like to see her, I have grown very fond of her. What is she doing? Write me a long letter. Bob is adding me to the office until I am going into some Sunday or Monday for a few days. Ber is in charge of the office, you would hardly recognise him San Diego has effected him terribly. Give the boys my regards and yourself & Alex. Would be glad to see them all. Love to Bronx & George.

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[illegible]

[illegible] von [illegible] Berkman

der [illegible] das letzte [illegible] Buch ist [illegible]

eine ebenso grosse Qual wie die 14 Jahre Gefaengnis [illegible] Berkman sowohl

wie feur mich. Aber mit Ausdauer erlebt man Alles. Habe gerade etwas Zeit

und will dieselbe [illegible] benutzen um Ihren Brief zu beantworten.

Dass Sie [illegible] durchgerungen haben und [illegible] thaetig sind

sprechen viel fuer [illegible] und Begeisterung, ich wuenschte wir hatten

mehr von dieser Sorte. Hier haben wir leider Niemanden. Und jetzt haben wir

sowohl Vol[illegible] auch Gerosse Riss. Wenn der vor einer Woche gestorben

ist verlohren. Fast die einzigen wirklich thaetigen Amerikaner sind Anarchisten.

Immerhin, unsere Ideen machen sich hier stark bemerkbar, sowohl

in Zeitschriften als auch in der Arbeiter Bewegung. Das [illegible] mich zu

ihrer Ihrer Bemerkungen: Im Wohlstand Fuer Alle. In [illegible] unser San

Diego, schreibt: Sie [illegible] Aenderung. Es ist unser Genosse E. G. nicht mehr

gewohnt sich ganz der Agitation des Anarchismus zu widmen. Was meinten Sie

hoffentlich damit? Glauben Sie Lieber Genosse dass [illegible] Anarchismus

[illegible] dass wenn ich sagen wir neben dem modernen [illegible] Buch [illegible]

[illegible] haben dass Sie gar so [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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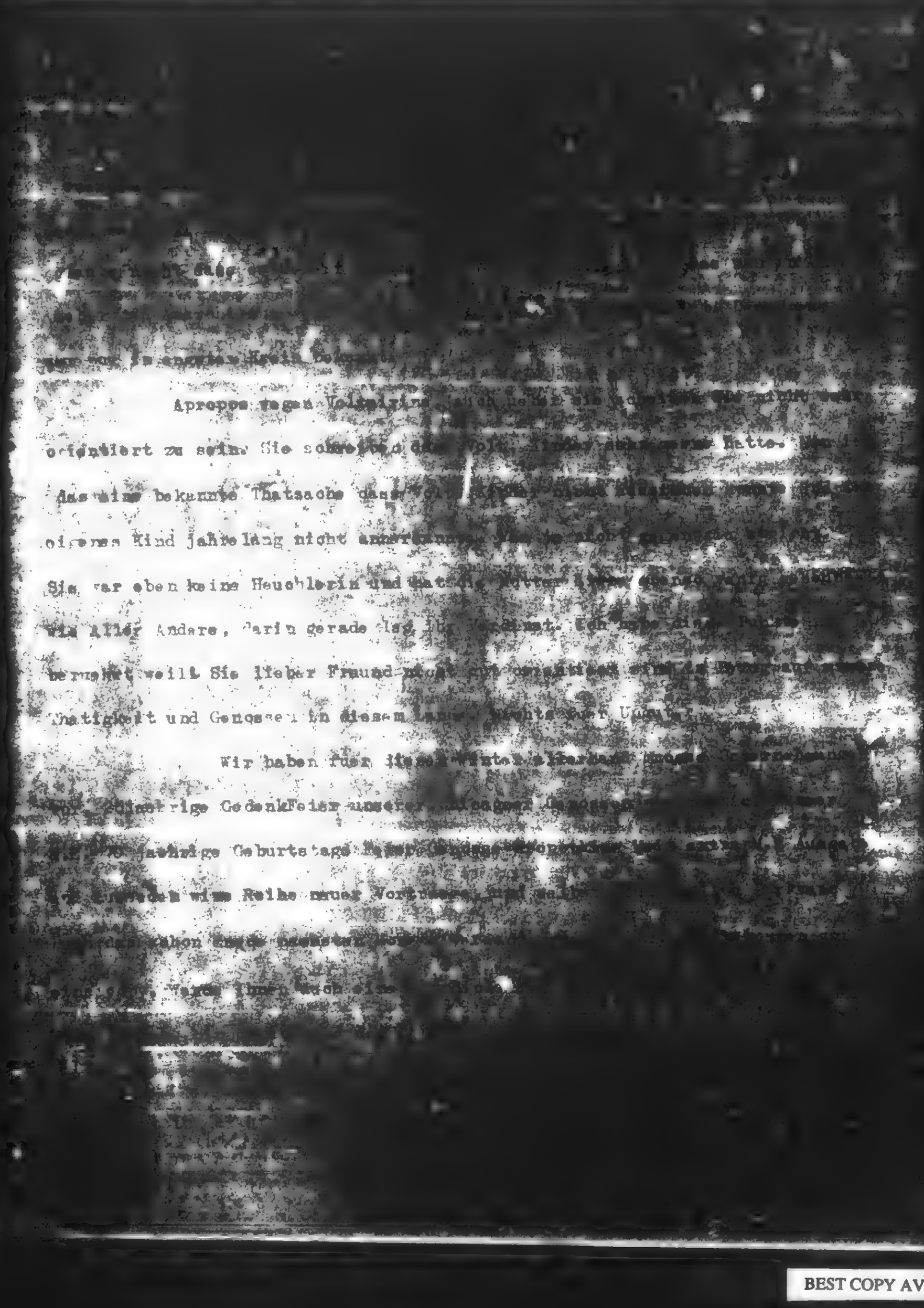

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August 23rd. The farm, hot and stuffy andgloomy

My [illegible] Hob[illegible]. If [illegible] u were not such a petulant child [illegible] might be reason to feel hurt when you doubt your Mommy's assurance. Only a petulant child can say "whether its true or not I believe it to be true" Now isnt [illegible] If [illegible] true, or even if you have [illegible] doubt of its being true, how can it be true in your mind?

[illegible], it is rather [illegible] after nearly 5 [illegible] [illegible] prove [illegible] if, in the [illegible] you kept [illegible] life, [illegible] How else [illegible] How else could I [illegible] your [illegible] inseparable treats? It is because I love you madly [illegible] passionately. [illegible] is [illegible] of [illegible] since you believe [illegible] whether its true or not.

I am still [illegible] Sunday, [illegible] until L[illegible] as well to day he may be through [illegible] with the rough sketch, but there still remains the working over of the thing and also some slight changes on the Workhouse chapter. I will not leave him uutil that is done. We had

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[illegible] therefore better not make difinite arrangements for you to meet me, if [illegible] I can come in Sunday, it will be in the evening late, I will then go straight to the flat, I have my keys. If not I will call you up at the office Monday and let you know when to meet me. At best, I will be in the city [illegible] until Thursday, I noticed that two days are all you can stand me in one sitting. Don't you think that is so?

I have [illegible] would not let me know with a single word, I hope there was no gossip, I should hate a fuss [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] but [illegible] same. [illegible] difference? Dearest, please send [illegible] June [illegible] of Dr May, why does he not return home? I wrote May [illegible] matter. Send Henry Wilks Flour, he is waiting for it..

I am keeping busy [illegible] also reading, I am planning [illegible] of new lectures and [illegible] Sent to them once I am free from the shadow of the book I [illegible] a brilliant article about the russian stage and learned of a lot of new plays which I mean to get when I come to the City.

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Saturday.

Dearest:-

I reckon you will get this Monday morning. Don't get a rig. I can walk all day without tiring. Walking never makes me sick- it is people that make me sick. Only Bennie will have to carry my suit case or have it sent out as I could not carry it any distance- not Fannie, but Max, I mean.

Of course there is something in telepathy. And between two such electric natures as ours. I tell you, Emma, if you are good to me I will never be weak again. It is just because I don't want things very badly that I let things slide but, when I do want anything and want it badly I am ruthless. But I think that I have said enuf wild things to you- I'd better save some until I see you.

Lovingly,

Almeda.

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Aug. 24th, /912.

Dearest:-

It is so very, very sweet of you to address me with endearing terms. I assure you that no one in the world appreciates such expressions of endearment more than myself, especially when they emanate from such a tower of strength as yourself. I suppose that the reason that you are such a tower of strength is that you are thoroly purged from all superstition. I note where you say that love should not mean worship as that smacks too much of slavishness for you. I discuss that matter because I naturally wanted to find just waht your definition of the term meant.

In speaking of having known intimately more men than I can count on my fingers I meant that it appalled me to think that a woman would such a thing for mercernary reasons. You will agree with me that that is a most horrible thing and appalling. I believe that it is nobody's business if a woman has loved a hundred men. I myself have so little vitality that it is positively injurious to my health to love many people with intensity but that may be due to my defective nerve adjustment caused from one of my immediate progenitor's alcoholism and also to my own alcholism which my environment helps along.

Certainly I do not mind a criticism from you. You would not criticize if I were not worth it. Now, is that subtle flattery? Once there was a man named Mr. Smith and Mr. Smith said to Mr. Jones, "Mr. Jones, I have heard a very nice thing about you and it is that you are the only man in the world who cannot be flattered." Mr. Jones wore a pleased grin for about a week; he would have worn it longer only he could not find his collar button one day.

I will never mind criticism from you because I love you and believe you to be a thoroly sincere person and also I learn things from your criticism.

You must have magnificent physical strength, dearest. How can you always be so calm and how can you always view all sides of a question so dispassionately?

I have been very sick this week. Fred and I had a terrific quarrel and also a "terrific" reconciliation and also I got drunk. When

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I say drunk I mean drunk since I cannot touch one drop of liquor with out drinking a couple of quarts. I am quite contrite and am suffering my punishment out. Fred and I beat each other and I am all over bruises. We are both sorry and are going to try over again. We are both hulks of humanity who were started out wrong in life. Fred has been away from work again so that we will be quite poor for some time.

The socialists have launched their new paper this week. It is an improvement from the last because it is filled with extracts from the writings of Debs. I wonder what they would do if they had to draw upon their own imagination?/ The editorial column states that the sixth page shall be devoted to religeous questions, articles by noted Theologians etc., on burning issues. Devoted to religeous questions and they claim that they do not have anything to do with religeon one way or another. I shall certainly not concede anything to their limitations but shall give them hell.

If it is agreeable to you I would like to come to you the night of September ~~2nd~~ arriving at the New ~~Jersey station~~ York Jerrmal on Sept. ~~2nd~~ at 8.08 A. M. Let me know at what time to meet you and where.

Lovingly, lovingly,

Almeda

923 Fifth Avenue,

New Kensington, Pa.

Sept. 3rd will be the day after Labor Day, wont it? If that is not convenient to you just let me know. Please do not inconvenience yourself by going to New York so early in the morning to meet me but let me know what time of the day you wish to meet me and where.

I do not regard men like Berkman and Reitmen as strangers; they are brothers. I hope Mr. Reitman's hurts that he received in Cal. are better and also that he managed to get a couple of licks back while the performance was going on. But I s'pose that in a case of that kind it is best to be passive. To be passive sometimes means that we will reach our goal more quickly.
Enclosed find scedule.

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Dear Mr Schroeder

am so sorry you will not be in town this week. I came in for a few days but am going back Wednesday. However, I will return the 10th for a week, my sister is coming. Perhaps you will be in during that time

Berkman has actually finished his last chapter we can now definitely expect the book for delivery Sept 25th

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But, (you know there is always a but) I will have to put down $500 before we will get a single copy. Also we must begin advertising and do a few odds and ends to set the machinery a going. To make a short lament, I must borrow again. Will you be able to be my lender again? I will need $200 by Sept 25 ~~th~~

I believe however

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But when B. leaves is placed on the market we will get in enough to pay you part of the loan, so you dy. not have to wait so long. Do write me soon.

What should the Mss you have, if you expect to be in town some time in Sept, you need not send it by mail

Sincerely
Emma Goldman

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Back into the woods
Aug 29th

My own hero. Brutal, cruel, impossible
hero. Who impossible to live
with, and impossible to live
without, but all the same
my own madly beloved hero
How strangely terrible is
my love for you, that it
should impell me, of all
the women in the world
to cling to you in spite
of all the pain and doubt
you cause me? It is a
puzzle, a terrible puzzle
to me.
Here is this passage

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in Sperry's letter which I found out here "Red and Red had a terrific quarrel and also a "terrific" reconciliation and also I got drunk. Red & I kept each other up, we are both victims of humanity who were started out wrong. How much like our relations. and who should have thought that I, the champion of freedom and beauty in love would ever get to the point that she would have a violent desire to strike a man yes, I came

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very near striking you
that awful day and it
is because I controlled
myself by sheer vigilance
that I had that attack
verging at madness
But the things you say
to me Ben dear are
so terrible, so hurtful
they set my brain afire
and wring out all the
venom and violence
of my being.
At such a moment, I
feel as if your fingers

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were clasping in on the throat of my love choking, strangling it to death before my very eyes. Then I feel I must run, miles away from you, never to see your face or hear your voice, never to be touched by the same fingers that strangled my beautiful love

And then the miracle happens, the dominant force of my love awakens the poor bruised and

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outraged little flower, weeping
to be life again, takes me
back into its folds, becomes
divine or mine. Sings
and ecstatic or mine anguish
and a tire pain and
indignities are forgotten
until some above decisive
moment. I tell myself
that can not, must
not shall not be, but
the dominant will of
my love simply grins,
and says "what's the
use at all your theories

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all your principles? I
am stronger more power
ful than they. Oh! Kolya
it is all so strangely
terrible, but if it were
end, as it probably will,
remember, you are my
most awful, yet most
beautiful experience, as
such you will always
live in my memory.
But enough at that,
let's talk of other matter.
I am leaving Christine
and [illegible] and [illegible] here

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Saturday until Monday, so you see I do not care you are not overworked anyway, besides you are too much at me as to is. I am writing Christine to bring out a few things so let her have the manuscripts. Saturday I go to Kingston. Wait. My mind was by head and Alex will meet Kem. Because may see Ben to the least you can might give.

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them directions.

Now, about Sperry, it has comes out Friday. I'll tell you more at the meet about 10 & it that will give you & Sasha to tell her all you know about her and to reduce her if she will let you. She arrives Tuesday 8 o8 Pennsylvania R.R. I am writing her to send you a sign of recognition, meet her please and take

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Ben to meet you.

Dearie this is to let you know I will come at Tuesday, (I will have a date an hour and I can tell you at Friday.

Good by my boy, my dear, with kisses

Your Mamma who loves you and regards you as the

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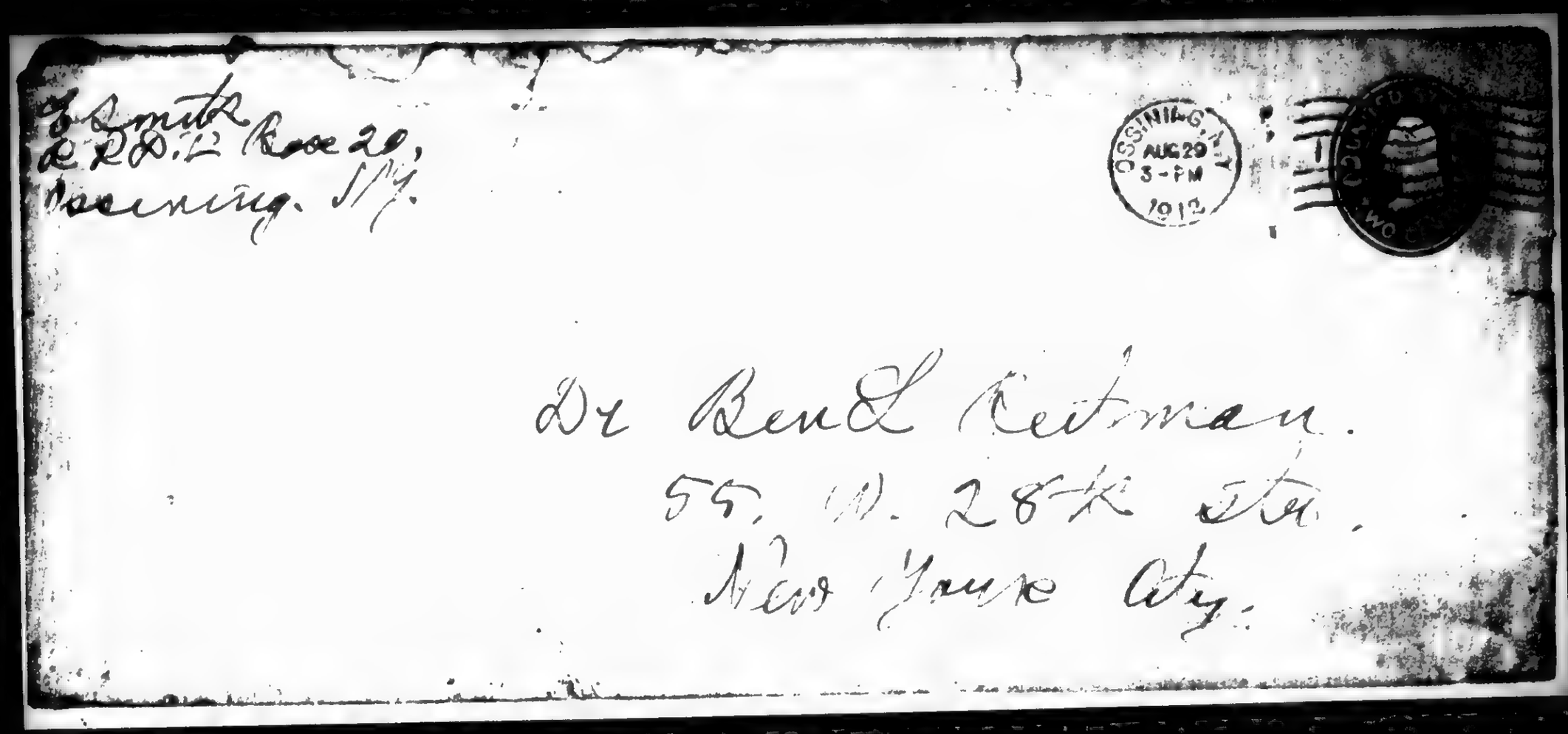

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In the Woods, August 29th.

My dear, dear Nunya. Your agonized cry has gripped my soul more than I am capable of discribing. I am sure you are mistaken when you say I have ever brushed a similar outpouring from you aside, if I did I do not remember it, nor could it have been as serious, or it would have effected me as your last letter has, it would have stirred me as much.

Indeed, I have known all along that you were sexually starved. I knew that years ago when Ben pressed you so hard. I am sure if he had shown tact and had been more gentle you would have responded at the time. And how can it be otherwise for a woman of your intense temperement? You have lived a life of contence so long, it is a wonder to me that some great passion has not swept you off your feet long ago.

You ask me for advise, dearest girl, how can I give it in such a situation? There was a time in my life when I should have considered it prepsterious for a free woman to love a conservative man. But I have learned through great stress of my own, that love has nothing what soever to do with ideas, habits or traits. I know that through my life with Ben, which until this moment has continued to be a vulcano in spite of all his short comings. Of course, Ben has undergone a marvelous change and is more in harmony with my work than any man I have ever known, but we are still, and probably will be, miles apart in our tastes

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always will be seperated in our tastes, in everything.

The same may be with you, what has the mans ideas to do with your love for him? If you realy think he responds to your passion you ought to follow what seems to be a tremendious force in your life. He may become more advanced and radical through your relations with him, as Ben has become advanced and develpped. But, there is one thing you must bear in mind, there is no peace in the struggle. I mean the difference betwene you both, will of necessity cause eternal friction and bring much heart ache into your life. That too, I know dear. But, Schopenhauer was right when he said, "for every grain of happyness we pay with a life time of agony"

There is one thing which seems to present itself as a sort of solution, why do you not sitisfy your craving for the mans love? I mean why do you not enter into a relationship with him? Must you break all comradely ties with George because of it? Must you live in one house with the other man? Why not continue to work and share as you have for so many years with George, and simply meet the other? In that way, you would be able to test yourself and his love, you would be able to find out whether your obsession for him is but temporary or lasting, whether it is not as often happens, a mere physical attraction.

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Of course, George may not want that, but if he is big, he will act as I have with Beckie when she became Alex sweatheart, or as the men who have been in my life before Ben have acted. It may not havebeen easy for them, but they realized that I must follow an impelling force.

Or if that is impossible, why do you not go away with him for a time, surely he will not expect that you should marry him, though some sociddists are conservative enough for that. At any rate, if he realy cares for you he will not bother much about such trifles. The main thing is, that you should be able to see the man in freedom and fllow your longing for him without let or hindrence, if for no other reason, to see if your love for him is realy vital, which we can never know under presure. Can you not arrnage that dear? And must you if that is done break with the past? That would be a great pitty because of the fine comradeship that existed betwene you and George.

Dearest, all this may seem so inediquate, but how can one advise in such a matter? It is impossible. The only thing one can do is to suggest but in the ladt analysis you must follow your own bent. If it is a matter of a place I should be so glad to give you the use of our little farm, I must go into town the 9th until the 21st, you could be here with him absolutely undisturbed for two weeks, something you both need to find yourself. Would you like that? Surely there is no need of acting like all conventioh

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people, begin house keeping and such nonsense, why not show him what freedom can do for two lovers? I am at your service if you wish to come. I do not know what else I can say, I hope I have not said too much alreg To me love has always been such a sensitive matter, I disliked preying in the love life of any one. But you will understand, will you not dear?

My dear dear Frined, I have reread your letter and I can only say what I have said in the begining, love has nothing to do with a mans opinions or views. It may help to develope him as in Bens cas but you will have to pay a very costly prise for it, namely much pain and heartache, but with all that I believe you ought to follow the call of your heart, whether the man is a political socialist or no socialist at all. The fact that he was able to arouse you so, proves that it was the man and not his ideas, why then not take the man and let his ideas alone?

Or is he so conventional that he would insit on marriage? If so I fear his love is not much and perhpas you had better go away, In either case I would be very happy to be of assistence to you in any way I can.

We have returned to our little wild place, it is glorious here.

I had hoped it would be for the whole month of Sept. but my sister is coming to N.Y the tenth with her girl who sails for Europe the 18th of course I will have to be there that week. I shall be out here until the 9th Remember, write me dear. With much, much love. Emma

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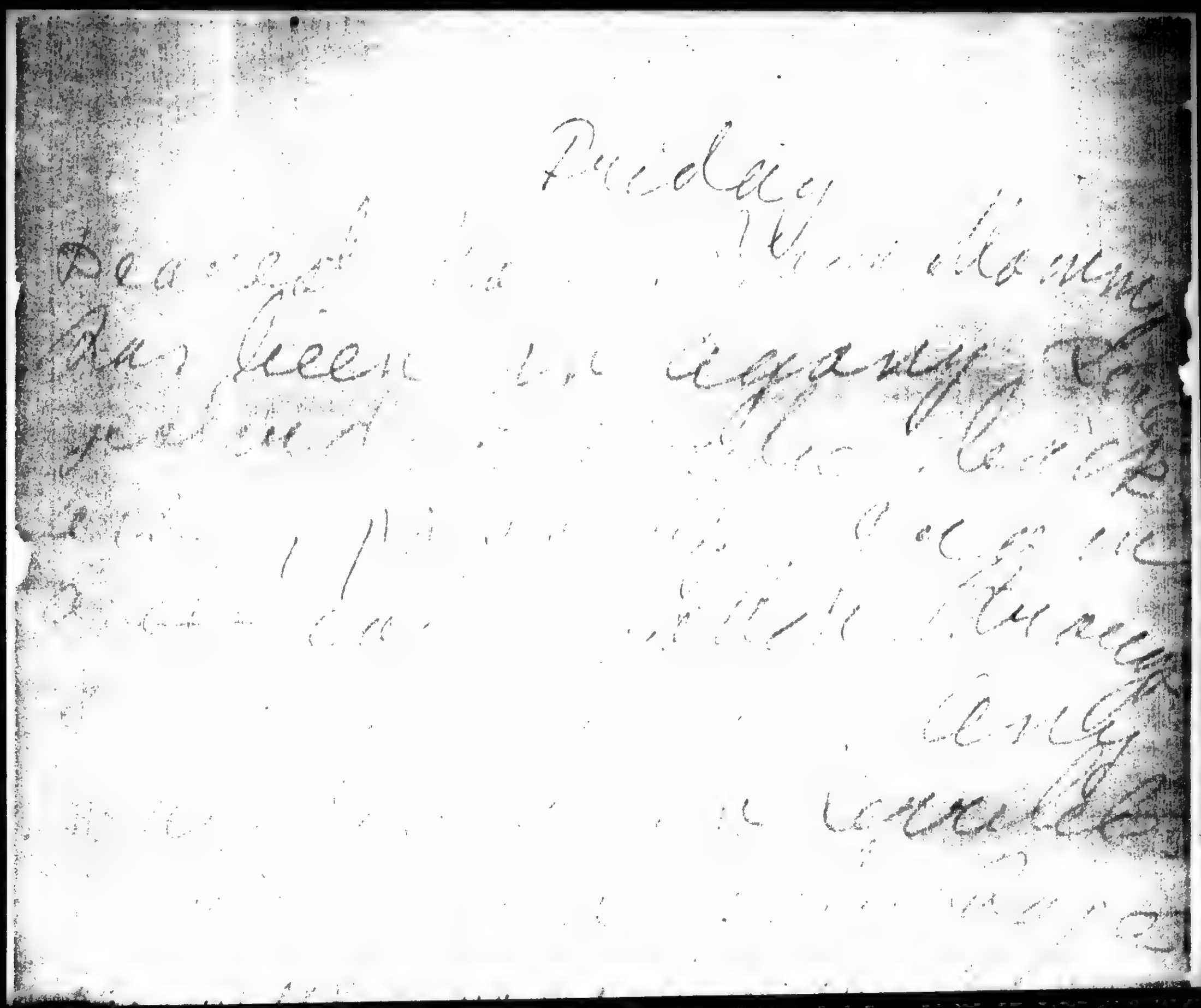

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Dear Ben

I have been expecting to hear from you

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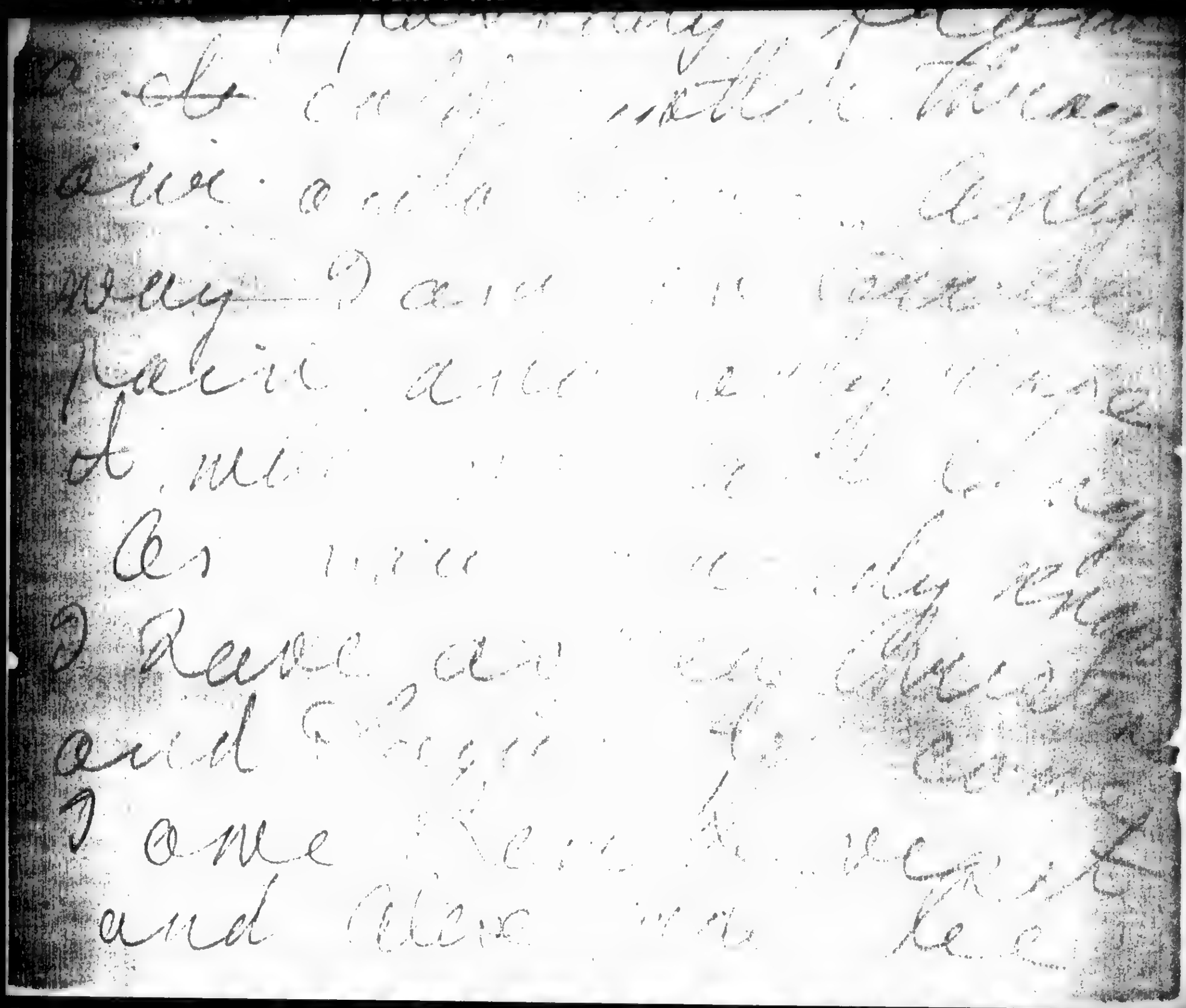

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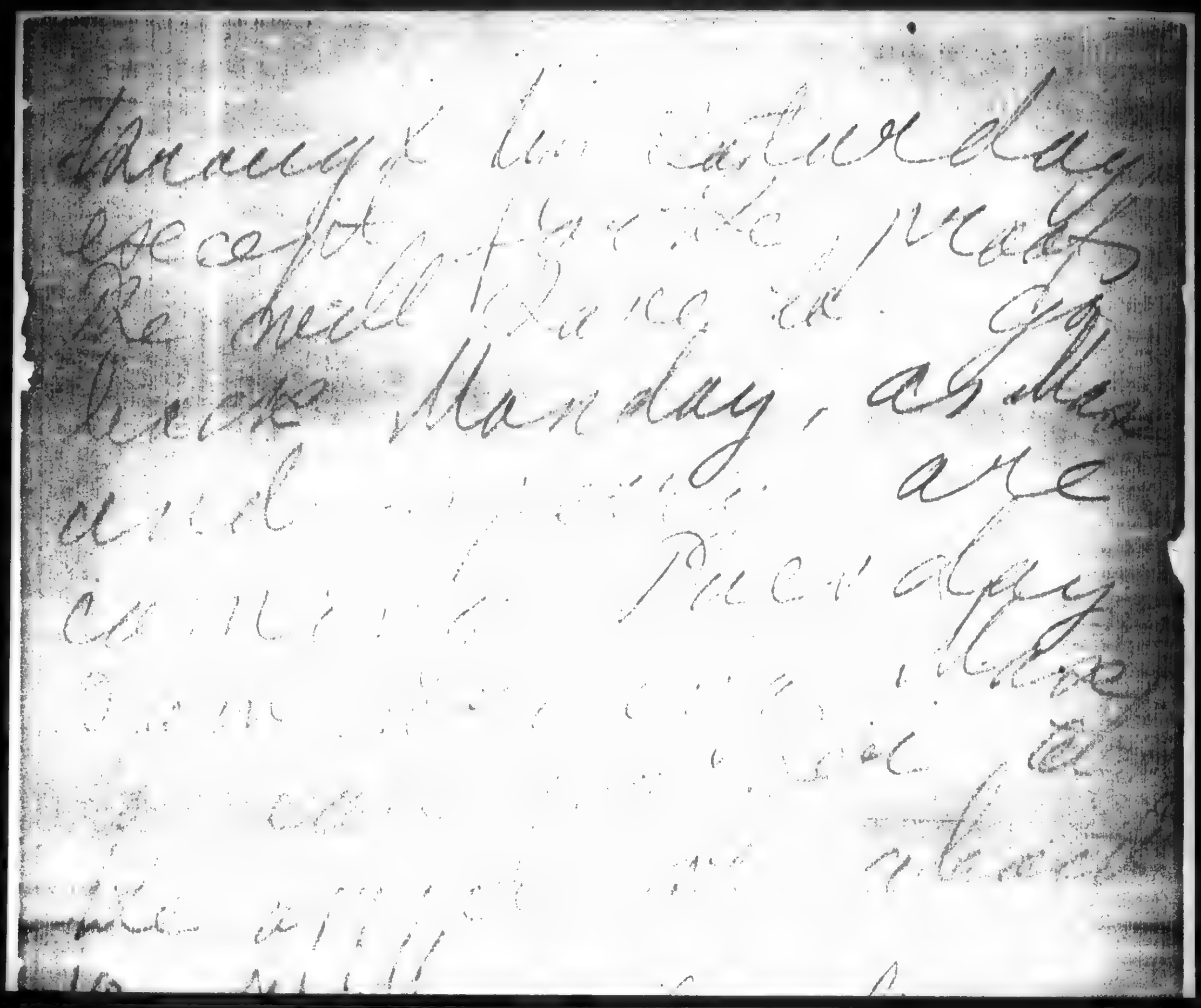

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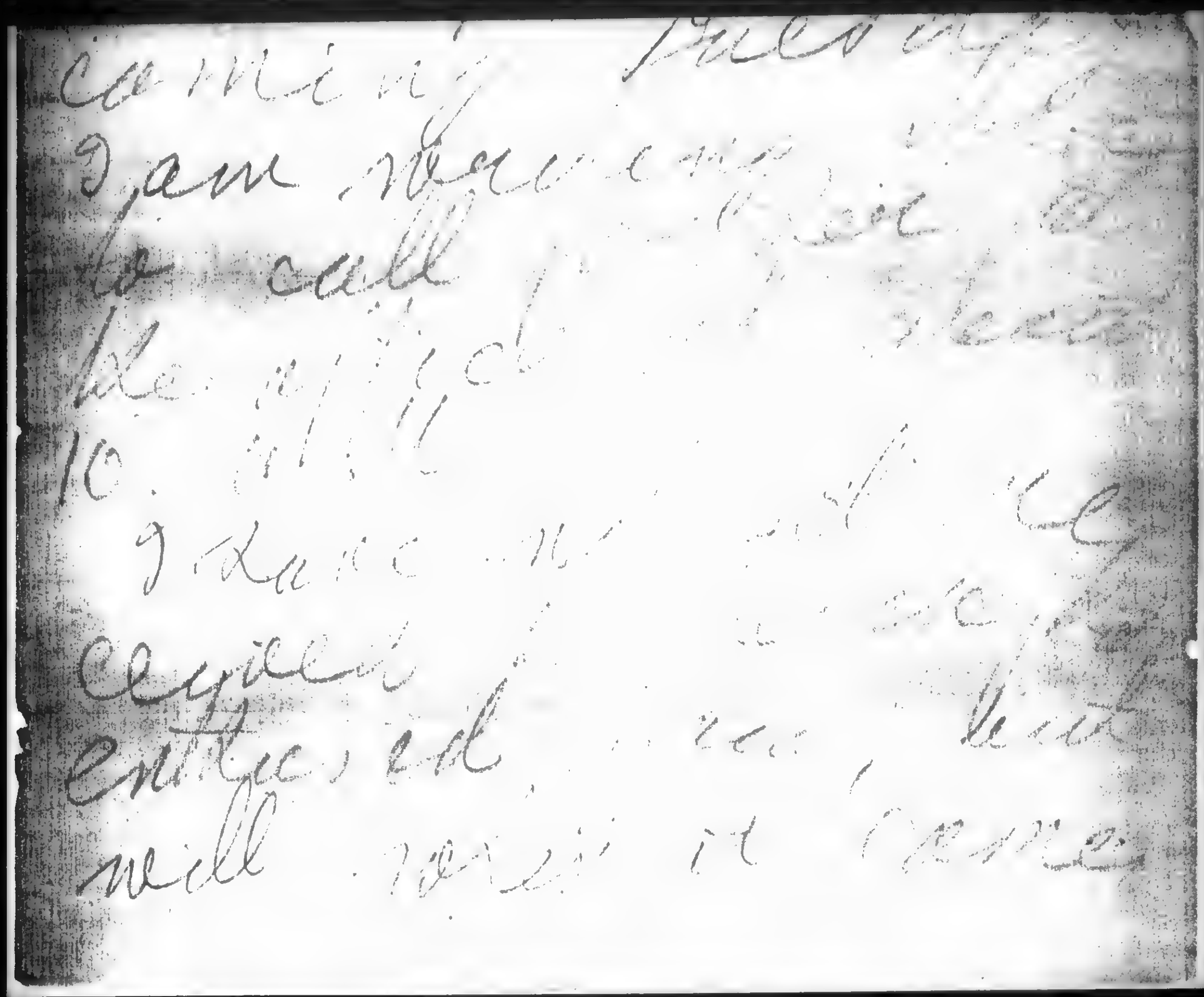

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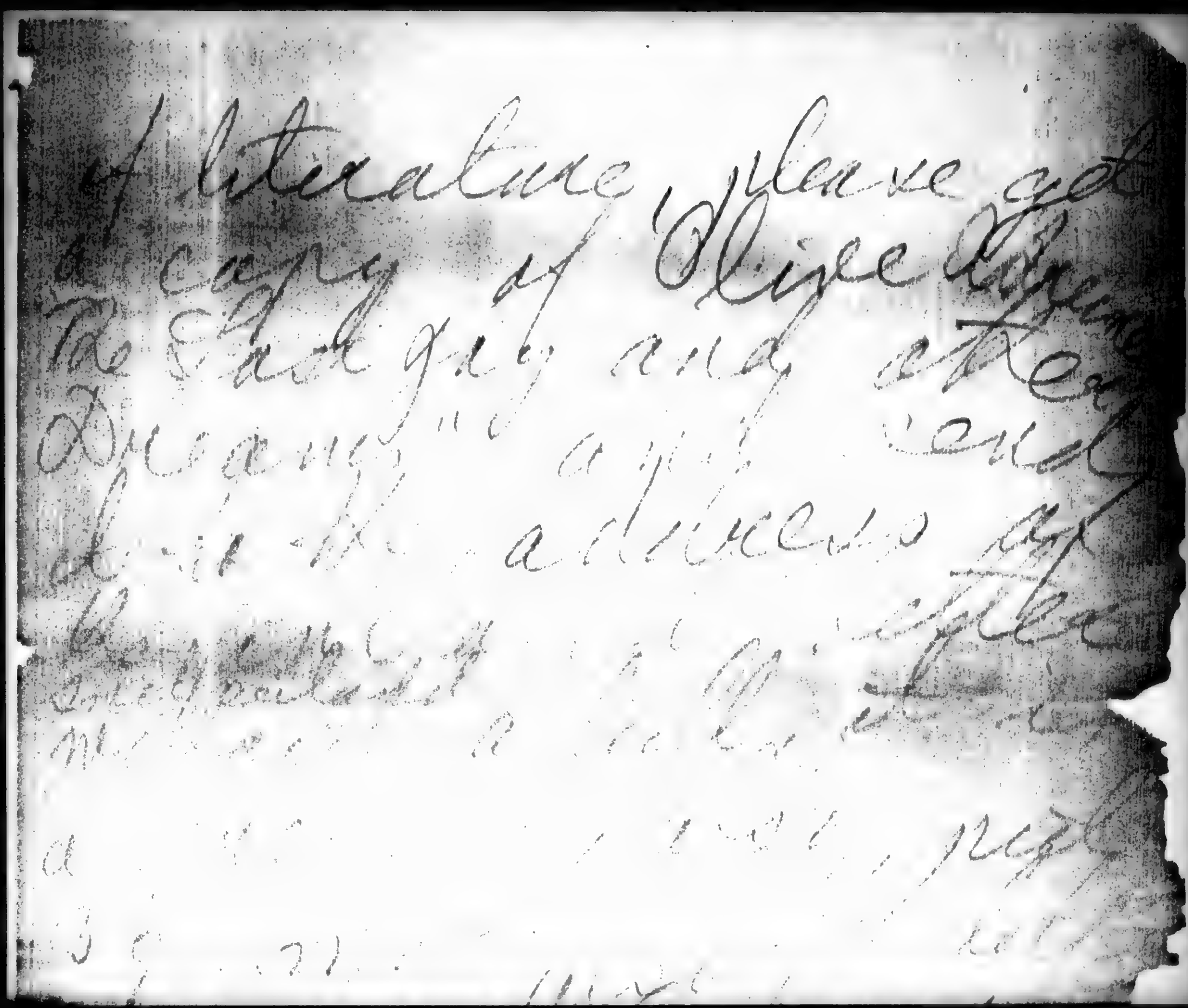

Literature please send
a copy of Alice Berkman
Resolution and oblige
Dreaming of you constantly
Address as follows
Emma Goldman
Mt. Pleasant
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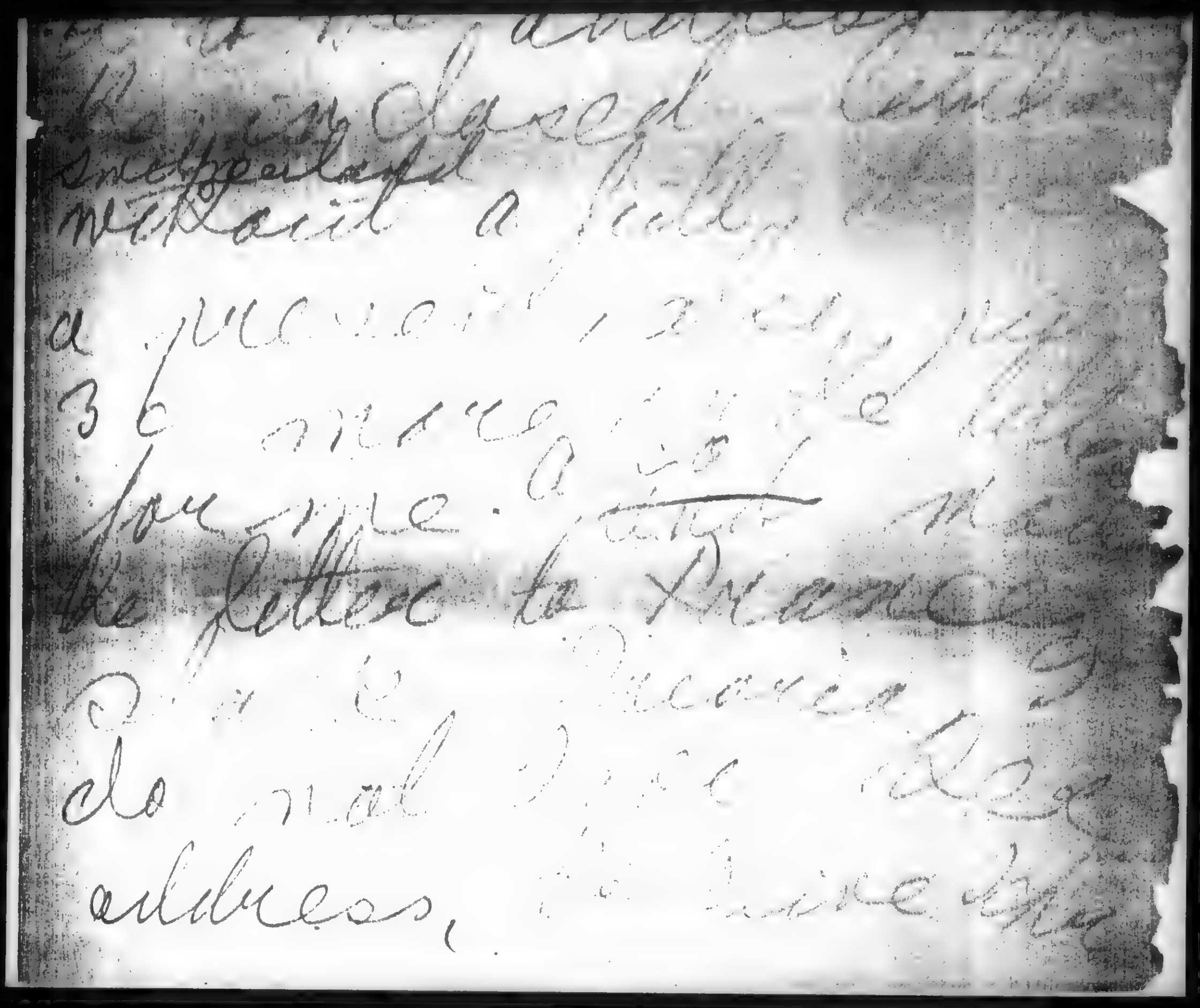

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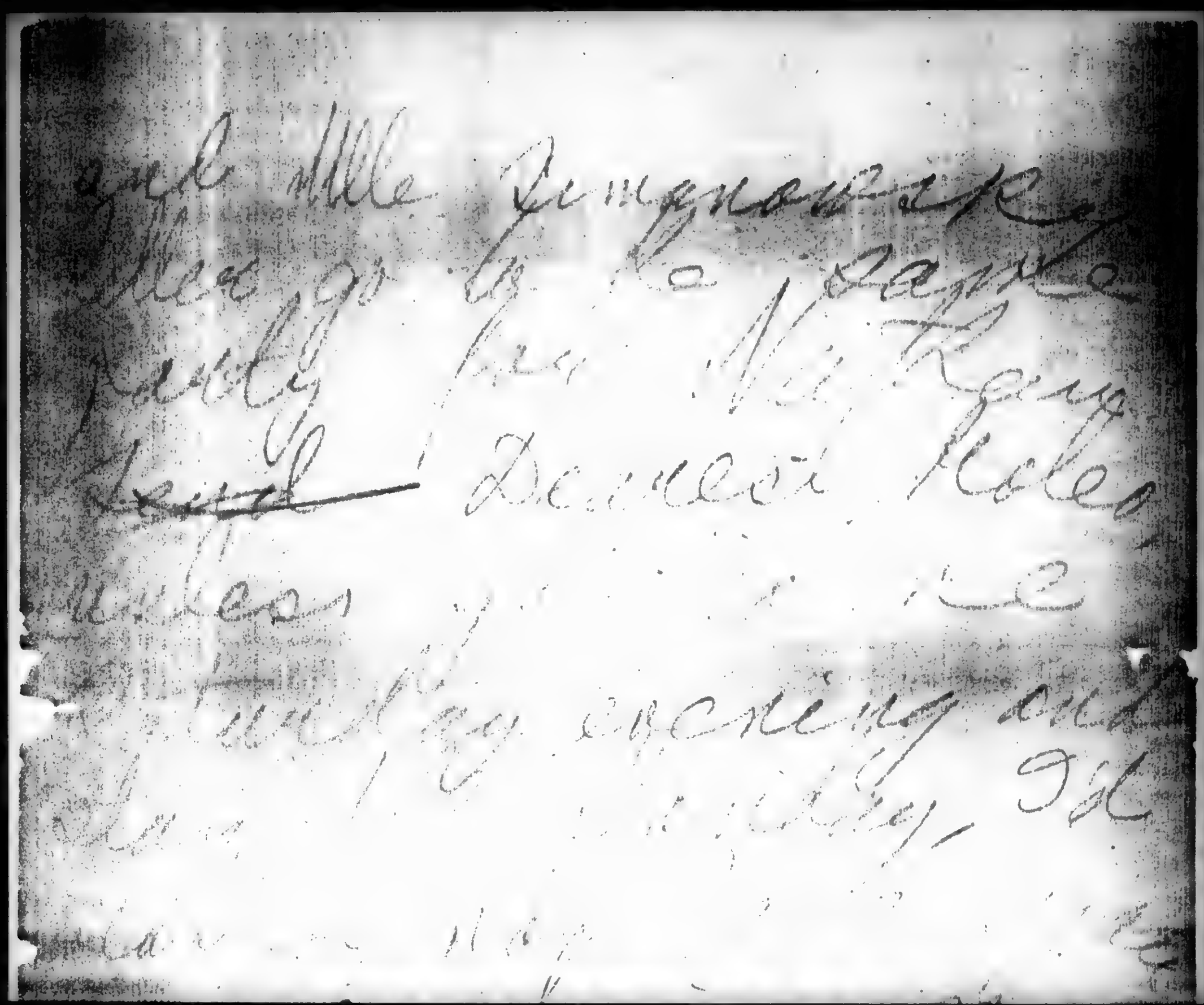

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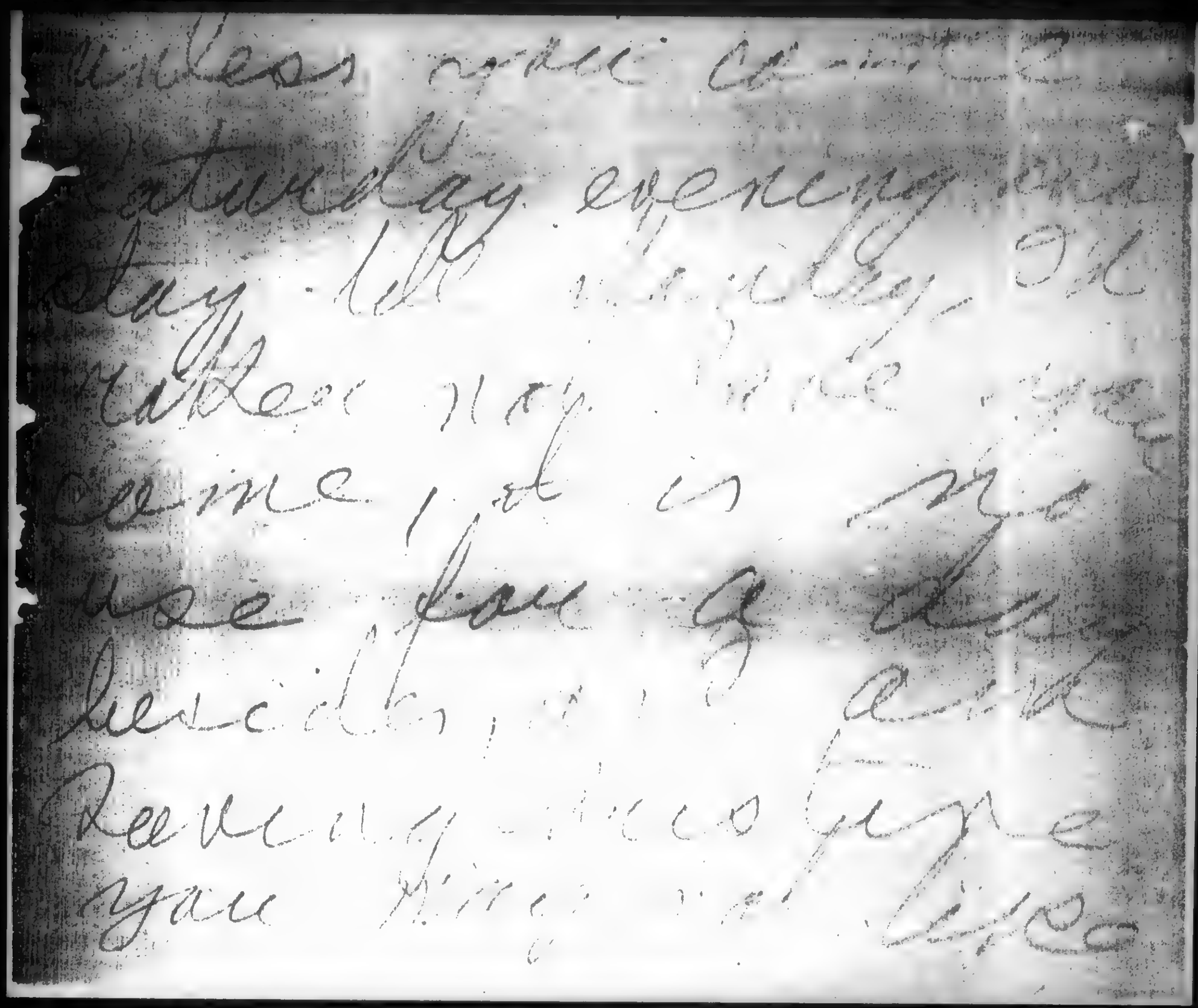

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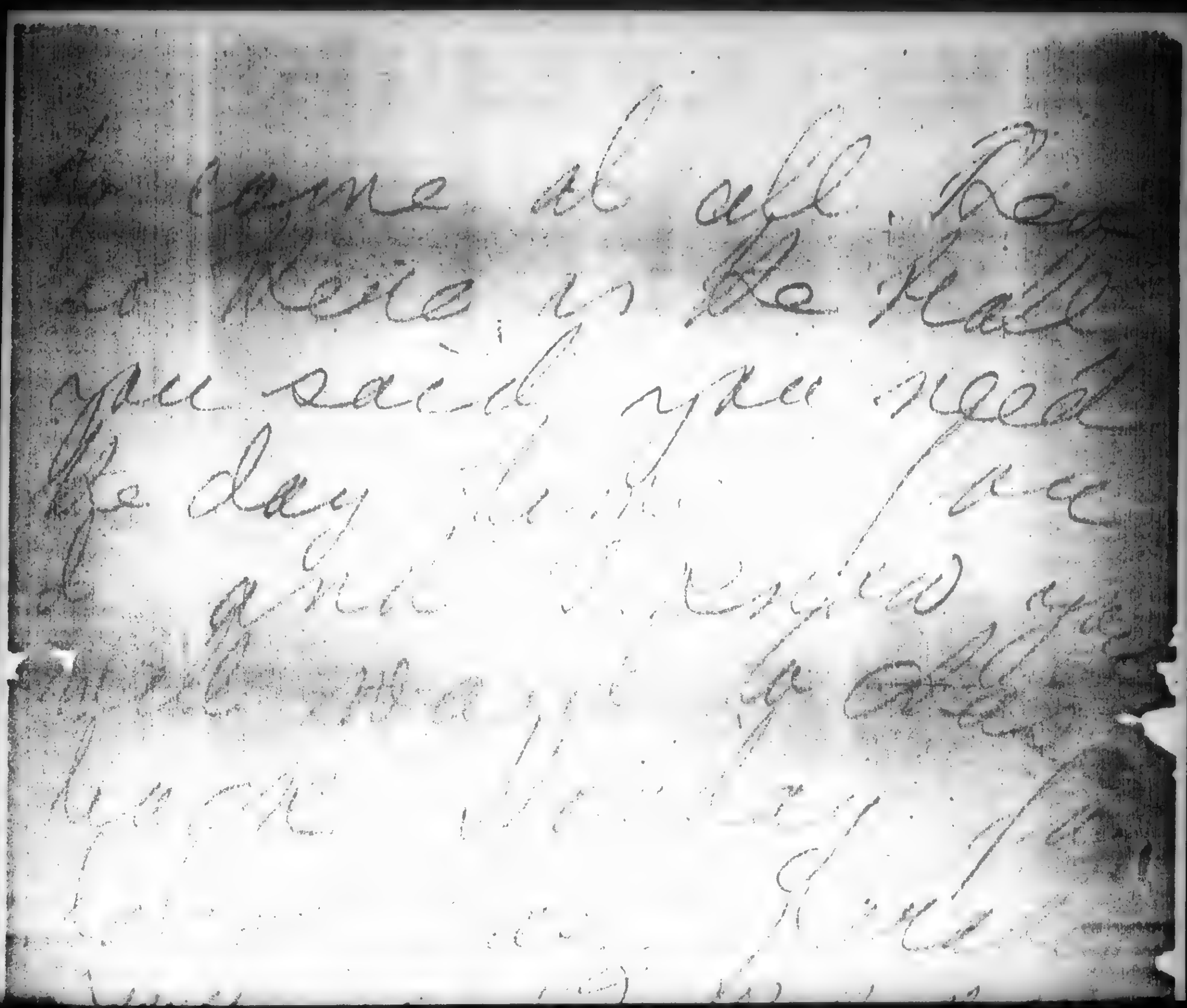

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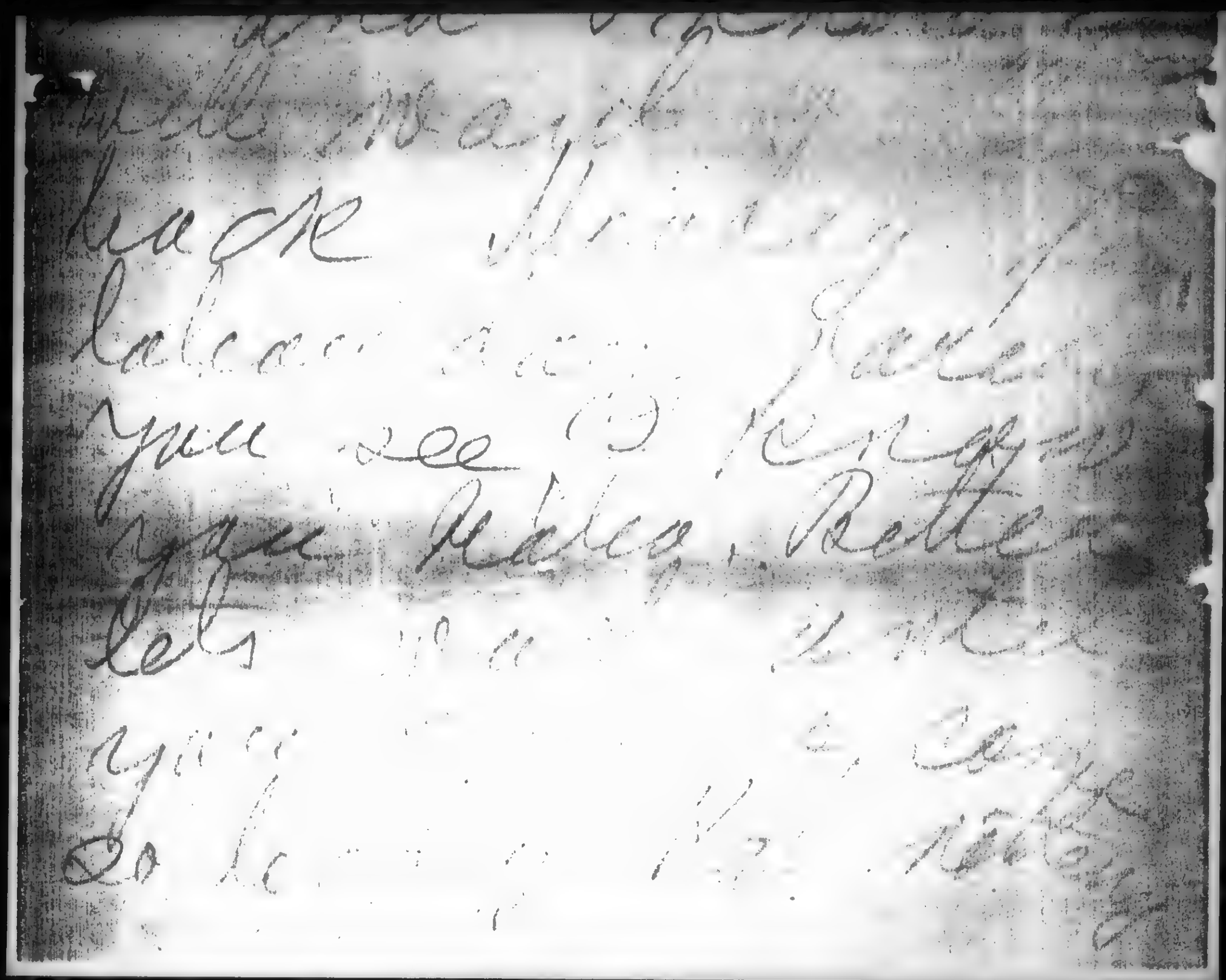

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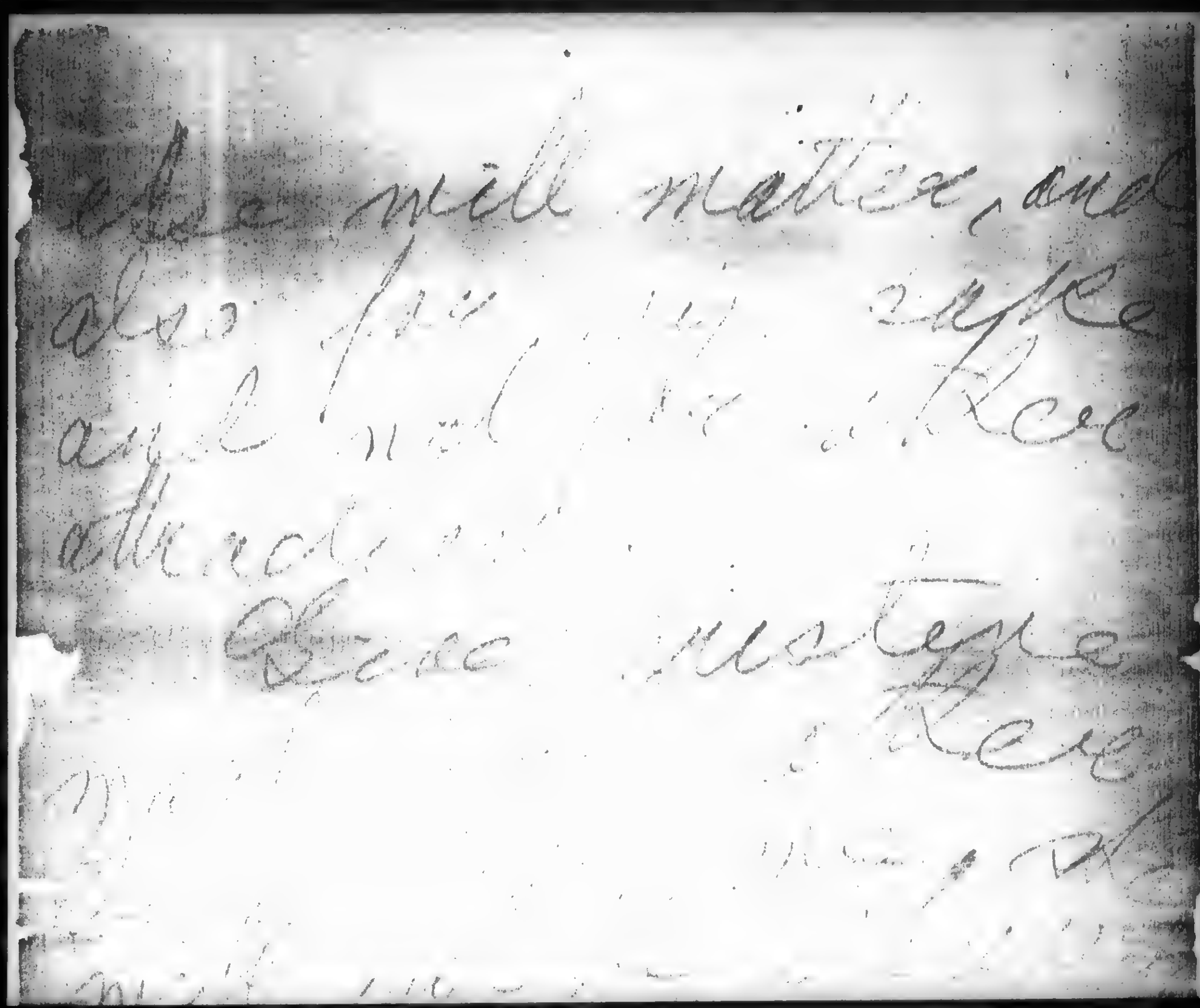

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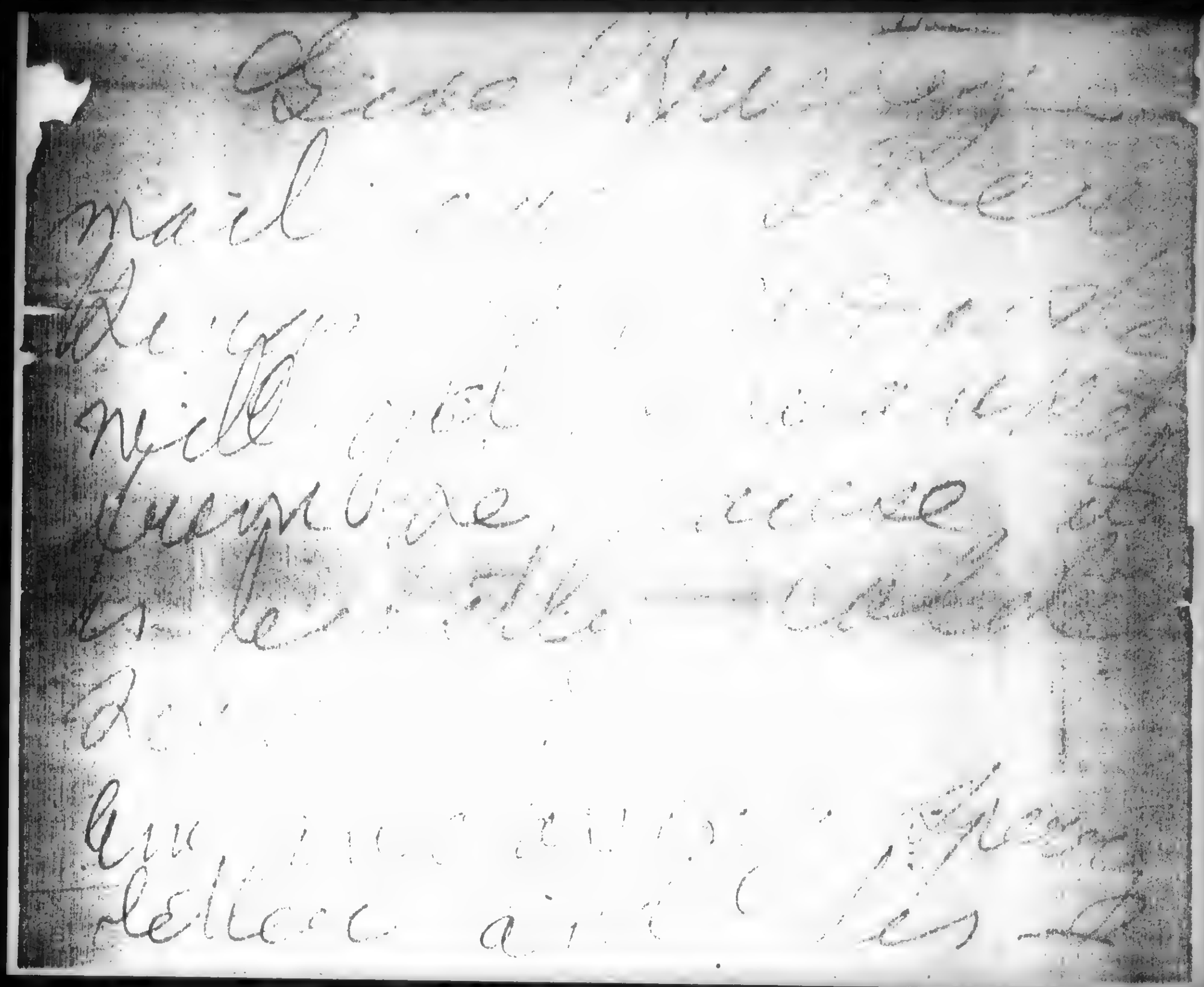

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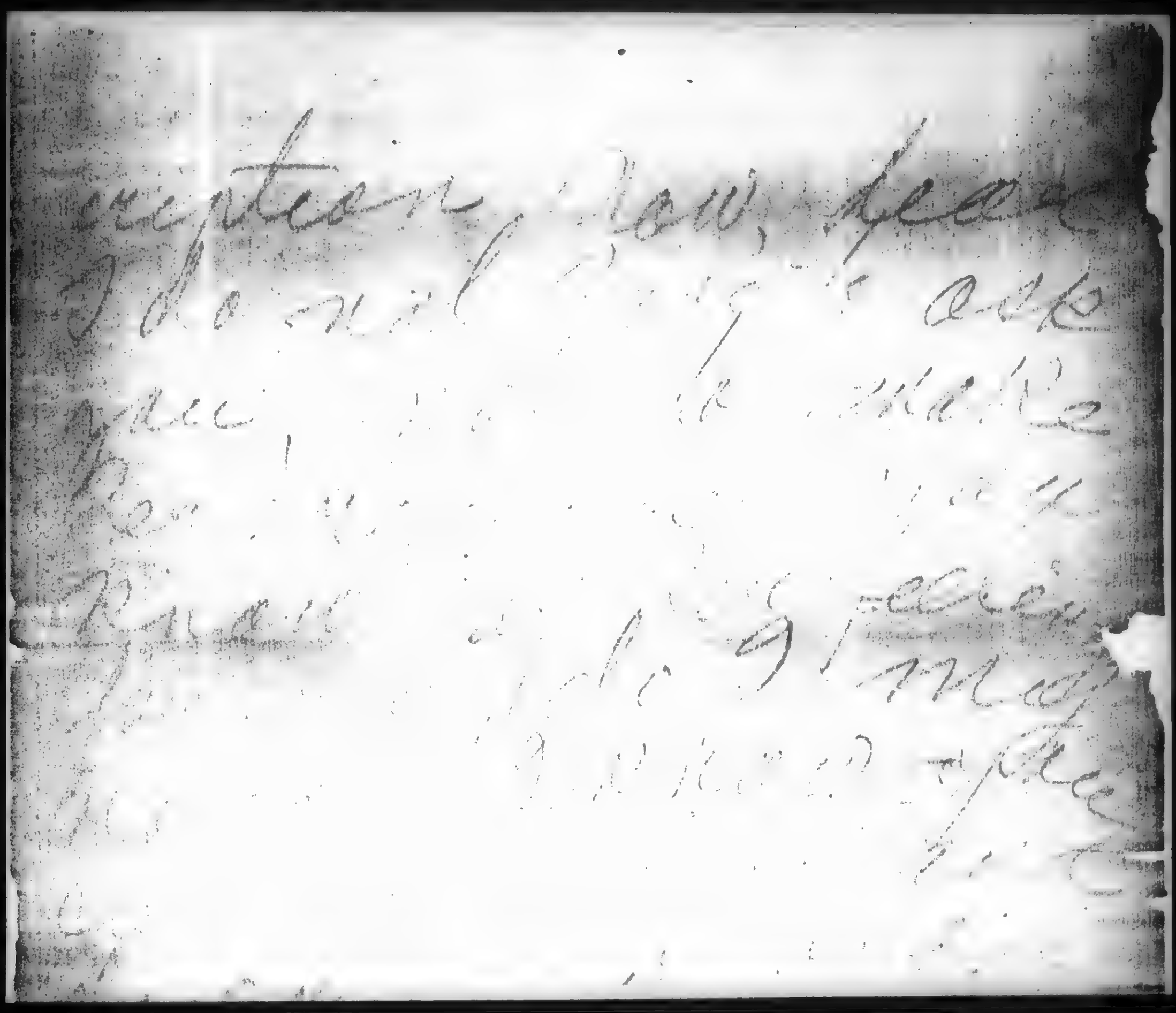

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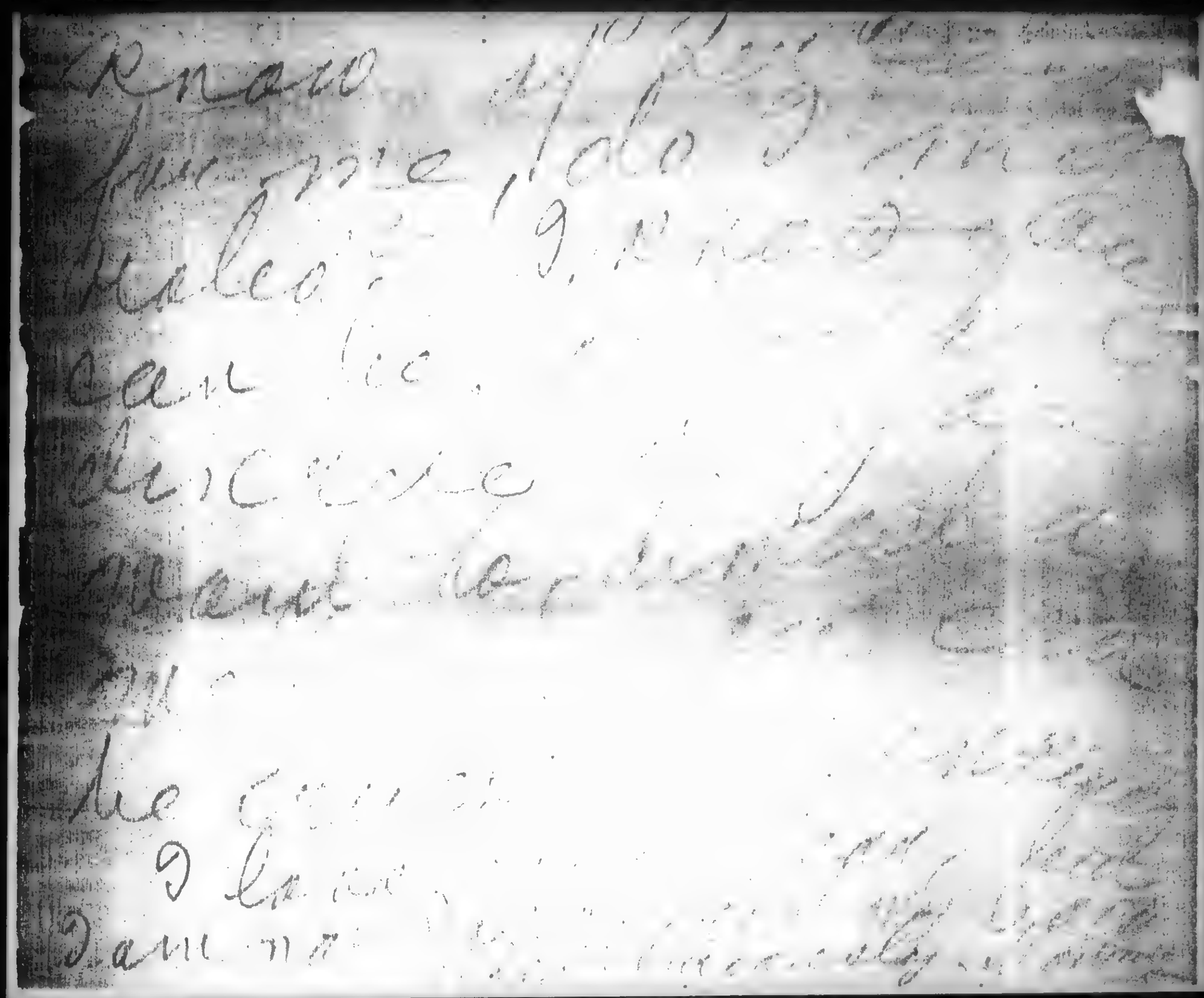

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My Kate. I am sorry for having been harsh with you when you had worried so hard and were so tired. You do not know how much I appreciate your work Kate mine. I really never mean to be critical But I was so forcibly struck by the inconsistency of employing labor and yet

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idea of saving our souls from commercialism that I had to speak up.

However, do not let us argue, it is not worth while seeing that the house is fearfully dirty, besides I love you too much and want you still more. Keep mine please. Come for dinner at 8:00, I am sure

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Ben Would well not
go down, if you
have other regular
time. Also there is
a chance of disgust
of some leaders
of the Brownsville
meeting and we
are so poor leaders
dear.
Please come to morrow
I want you my
hero yes I do!
M & B send love
Alexander

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10 P.M.

Dear, have just returned from the Union, more weary than I left. I don't see why people make such fearful effort to get rid of the time he and is incarcerated, jammed in a straight jacket. Mine is anyway. I'd give anything

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to change with some
one who is in the
same merely physically
If I could thereby
get my spirit free
from all the Rancour
of my present Rel-
In regard to your
letter, I feel like
saying with
"Rose aust no

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Sang to sang, we
talk to talk & one rattle
there is much to tell
and you never have
as well understand;
not because you
do not want to, but
because the good
Lord has not given
you that capacity
Why Ben dear, you
are utterly blind to

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and with yourself
how could you see
the things that go on
within a radius and?
If you read instead
of a life, you
would realize that
here you must learn
from your own
state which is un
covered only in
and with ourself

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and watch in spite of
anger and resent
it. I can not have
this way.
You say, we agree to
the ideal way of life
how it ought to be
of you to want the
world. Well, we have
any concern to
be world be like
when it is now
very much like you

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assuming that you really wanted me, I certainly was not so strange that you would have gone to the trouble. I begged that much, but I offered not a single word to use in evidence. Believe me dear boy, I do not begrudge

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you Reitch, I am
glad he at least
can give you, what
I can not, peace
I am merely commenting
on the other lack of
understanding
Base of your
own intuition and
decision
Besides it is not
true that you would
me as a matter of
fact you laughed

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all day and evening
and came along late
reluctantly, possibly
because you had
no strength to resist
what place natural
feel [illegible]
when you feel
not exactly favored
for me,
"Release I try to break
away from you, or
whether you will

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leaving the legacy
in gloom and dis-
pair at the slighted
provocation, you
will probably never
admit, or be ready
one thing is certain
that if I did not
care for you as I
do, I would just let
you go up with any
million that not
the things you say

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and do.
I have known all
kinds of men but
never one who called
a woman a whore
and bitch, or off
kicked and rel-
ugated them to
all the many, in
significant ways
occasion.
I am not concerned
in Beckie but in
you, and you dear

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Ben are you not mean,
good either as a
man or a market
or a lover
and yet I deny
desperately and
can not help it, the
my misery and
disgrace, my lonely
ness and raving
wtiness, with
I have the
and yet I
difficult to have a

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Mornan Coffee age
face. But it is better
I am the one who
do it than he should
Well, Rough
contents do not agree
to pain me when
not

I do not mean I am
I will end it if I need
then is not the only
can live and make
It is a matter
I have started running

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Be weekly gentle
and loving Dear
Lam. Many weeks
I have not had
2 cheerful days with
you, I am then un
conscious I feel
as if I can't go
with you. The inner
strain of it
I tried to paint as
very hard to be patient
with you, to help you
to obtain your ure

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your favorite moment
when you neither
know what you were
saying nor doing
for I can not believe
that you could say
such things as at
so cutting of the
man. If that hurt
doing I might
bring you back
to your better self
I wanted to wash
your dear image

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and out, but, you
walled of above ease
so not come to do
be easy? Oh and
a negation, and
part of my life.

No.
I am not coming
to the office until
I can have dusting
the day and then
myself and get
my wedded dreams

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life.
If you go to the
Republicanfest meeting
well you can stay off
[illegible] Harlem
[illegible]
[illegible] see
[illegible] please
[illegible] let you
Also, if you get time
during the day go
up to the single tax
quarters 47 – W 42nd

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do hope you will
test and take 250
envelopes they will
address them. Reig
lisl is important
too also that you
can send after
M. E. It would be
be a bad idea to
get Reedy represented
represented and your
it in every letter
I hope you can
find some cheer

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with your mother
I can't find it with
me and
Forgive me if I
Disappoint you, believe
me what I say is
not in a bitter spirit
truly not, I am trying to let you
know as you realize. But I shall
hardly fail as I have
failed in many
other things. Anyway
I shall be home all day

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11 A M

Dear Hobo

I really have baked beans for supper will you come? I should have asked you for lunch, but do not wants to deprive your mother.

I will be home all day. Please

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do not neglect
to attend to allen
Rutten by green
[illegible]
Alamuse

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[Letter, 1912? Sept.? Ossining, N.Y. to Ben L. Reitman, N[ew] Y[ork] / [Emma Goldman]. – 5 p. ; 27 × 21 cm.

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Friday
10.30 A.M.

Dear, I have little to add
to the letter I wrote
Kropotkin. If you have
[illegible] to come out
here [illegible]
do hope Ras can [illegible]
unnerved me. All
the [illegible] is gone
and nothing left
[illegible]
Emma

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I had a terrible night
so terrible, that I
realized I never
remembered, never
I would see no
end of my troubles
or bed always and
forever between me
hell and purgatory
In fact I have to
publish a book

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yes I have known
you quite some time
that if he would
sleep with you, you
[illegible]
me, also that your
passion since you
are in N.Y. is due
to your association
with Hutch and

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not so much your
love for me? I
am not angry &
[illegible]
[illegible] Tomorrow hope
[illegible]
[illegible]. Why not
[illegible]?
I am coming for
[illegible] but my
[illegible] is
[illegible] a Delivery Record. Mommy

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Dear. Ben. letter I found
uncalled for in the
[illegible] I
[illegible]
[illegible]
decided [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] feeling [illegible]
[illegible] disappointed
me yesterday. One
of the many times Mommy

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Dear Friend.

One of the unpleasant phases of my work has been its material espect. Depending as I do with M.E and our other publications on the receipts from my lectures I was compelled to charge an admission which was very distastful to me and also kept away the very people who need enlightenment most.

I now want to try free meetings.and that because they would bring out large audiences and relieve my mind from the commercial side. Anarchism is undoubtedly growing, especially the industrial methods which we we have propagated for so many years apparantly to deaf ears,"Syndicalism, The General Strike, Direct Action and kindred things, are now attracting wid spread attention . It seems an unusal upportunity to reach large sections of the community if only I could deliver a course of lectures free.

We have secured a large Hall, Lenox Casino, 116 St and Lenox Ave. It will seat a thousand. I begin Sun. Oct. 6th. a series of 12 Lecs The weekly expence of the meeting, rent, printing and advertisement would amount to about $40. Of course we may count on collections, but not enough to secure the expence still less warant a margin. We therefore need a sustaining fund. Are you sufficiantly interested to help me in my new venture and thus make my work in this city possible on a larger scale which I have hitherto been able to carry on? If so, please let me hear from you at once

Sincerely.

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The Office 2 P. M.

My Lovely Mommy
FrankMonroe Adddres is Box 1307 Denver and Lionessis
500 Reliance Bldg. Kansas City Mo.
I was so glad to get your letter and I wish I could be with you and t. b. I am determined to come out Sat. afternoon and stay until about 10 A. M. Sunday unles something unusual occurs ? Willie is insistent and I want an other walk and talk in the Woods. We are doing a lot of work in the office and I hope we can clear up every thing so I can devot myself to the meetings I am sorry that the circulars did not reach you y yesterday I am hoping that they reach me to day . so I can get them off I am going to speak at a meeting in Brownsville Friday night Judin asked me and I do not want to dissipoint him I think those

boys ought to be encouraged.all we can . I got a copy of Ford and Foster Syndicalism that I am sending you I am sure you will like it I will order a lot if you like the pamphlet He writes intelegently and sympathatic about Anarchism. and his differentantions are good I am sure that Syndicalism has a great future in America . I hope we can start a big league A lot of proof came for Berkman today I hopes he finishes what he has and get back here Saturday or Friday night I we ought to keep Goldman going and not have to pay 100$extra B. will tell you about it . This temperal monking with the book has increased the price awfully. Let get it out I am sure Saha will work like hell if he sees the need. . Iam getting out a lot of cards and feel that we will have a success a our English Meetings . Iamm glad that you have so many of your English lectures ready I hope you will have a good lecture on Syndicalism ready. and at taht meeting we can form a big Synducalist League. Idont know about"effecting our souls"and charging admission I do hope we can have our first meeting free at least I am sure that we can make it go . If we can not meet all our needs by free meetings lets cut down our needs I think it is just as wicket to be enslaved by our need as it is for a man to prostitute his brain to furnish the needs of his wife. I am sure that I dont think that I am developing wings nor has the criticism of the comrades bother me But I do feel that we ought to change o our methods of doing things. also our method of living. Baby when we talk and walk in the wood I feel that Ican explain things to you when I drink from the T. B. then I will be inspired to tell you every thing . and when you hold me in your arms maybe we cah be born again. and then we will walk out into and new light and a new and perfect love and a beautiful inspired honest work I Love you and I believe in you I believe in the work I belive taht we have the opportunity to give the world something wonderful. Anarchism , is now beyond misrepresentation and riddicule It is a force that not even the foolish can deny. Syndicalism direct action Generalstike do not particularly need us they willbe the big factor in the labor movement and you have done your share to give it to America. The Drama Radical Literature is doing it work and it will do all that you hoped for it . It is the same with the sex movement . The Marriage cermony will never mean any thing to men and women who think and and all that you propogated about freedom of sex/ is sure to come to pass.
And now"What left for us to do" Simply to live big rich free lives. And if we have to go to the woods or to a rear tenementand give up our Baby MEthat I love with my very life let do it . I want to be saved. and I want Mommy to be saved and give the world an exemple and an impeus to live a free life that no theory or Philosophy could ever do

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New Lover I am afraid that you will be worried least my Mother will not be comfortabe . Please dont think so Ilove my mother and will see that she is comfortable. Iwill probably come out on a 9 or IO oclock train my mother will want to go to bed early and Iwill be back at IO in the morning that will give me an hour with her before I go to the Bebs meeting and then I can spend the eveing with her.

Iwill get her a room near the Flat and I will continue to sleep in the house . and then we will see when I see you.

I love you darling and I am glad that I aint smoking and drinking Some day you will lecture on booze and Cigeretes .

" I can not say the things I feel ,
I only sing my little song
Oh God I love you so"

Hold

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My Mommy Dear .

Things have been slow in the
and the Mountains and you Love
and ambition ? I have been fixin
Saglex. and Kelly were in and they
have free meetings I am sure
the letter to night taht is
Schroeder was here and said he
he sent $200.00 and was very fine about
He also brought in a Obscene Lit
the is the first time that he let us
for $4.00 that was good of him I think
you rwite to thank him for the $200.00
Berkman seems full of cheer and hope
Iwas so glad to have had a day with
and made me glad It is so easy to
for a beautiful

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ffce but there has been cheer in my heart
t there . I have been so full of life
the copy and now I am going to the printe
en to think it will be a good idea t
ake it go / Iwill try and get out
se the mimeograph at the center
ce and then come back again.
it
d. Law that I sent off by express.
it . He let us have both of the book
you ought to send him the $4.00 when

it gave the world a better color
hen you love anyo

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Sunday afternoon, the far, gray and gloomy.

Dearest Hobo. Something very funny happened yesterday. At 10,30 I went to the mail box as usual, but I found nothing, which seemed strange to me. I waited and waited as I had a feeling you have written, but no letter man. I was very depressed all day and had a feeling that there must be some mail.

Then Christine came and brought you little mesely scribble, which was anything but datisfactory. Alex and I went for milk, fancy my surprise and joy when I found a bundle of letters, the postman had eveidently been late. I enjoyed your letter of Friday very much dear, but there is a certain strangeness about it. Who wrote it? I hope you did not dictate that letter, it would make me very unhappy. I can hardly believe it, on the other hand it seems wonderful that you should write the machine so well. Do let me know dear, I am curious. But what ever you do Hobo mine, I would rather sit hours decyphering your writings than to have stragners know what Hobo has to tell me. I do not say you have done that, I am only wondering.

It is said, when one has a rotten tooth its best to pull it out. The Parsons transaction is like a rotten tooth. Of cause she is your frined and you will fly up if I say anything, but just the same I am sure that in your heart you can not but feel that she is rotten in money matters. Lets pull her out.

Whether she left the books or not, I want them paid, how much

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is it? Please let me know I will send you a check.

As to our advertising rates, $10 per page, six for a half page, if she wants it for two months, it will be $5 each, ten Dollars for Sept. and Oct. She will have to send the add not later than next Saturday as we mean to make the dummy next Sunday, please write her that. And Hobo dear, please, please in the future when we are in Chicago, let her sell her own books and get the full profit, I realy can not stand any kind of business transaction with one who parads her "widow hood" in the manner your friend does. Forgive me if I hrt you, I do not want to.

Also, am sending check for rent, dearest find out from the agent when he will reinsure us, if not he we must get some one else, we ought not to be without insurence very long, ought we? While I am thinking of it though it has no bearing here, I want to know if you have written to Quitman about Mays affairs, if you have not, please do it.

Hobo my own, I too would like to get a larger place for our English meetings, but I believe it is a waste of time looking for one, it will probably cost too much and we ought not to go into large expenses before election at any rate. How would it be to open up at the W.T. League and if we have large crowds, change to another Hall after election? At any rate, we ought to have a Hall to announce in the Spt issue, that means by next Saturday.

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we are sending to you with Christine. Please dear, take it to Goldman as soon as you can Tuesday, it should realy go first thing in the morning, but as you have to meet Sperry at eight, you will not be able to go to Goldmans, if the stuff gose down during the lunch hour it will be time enou but do not send some one else, go yourself. I had hoped Alex would have everything of his own ready for Goldm, but he moves so slow, it is exespra He is sending the "Workhouse chapter and is now rewritng the outside, which if all gose well he will send to Goldman from our village Wrdensday.

I do not know whether you will like the Winn article, Alex thinks its very good, I am not very enthusiastic about it, but its the best I could do. You never will understand dear heart, that to write regularly for a paper one must have no other things on ones mind and I have a million, one of them being to humor my friends and lover, that takes all of my energi

Speaking of writing great things, tell me Hobo, why did you find the pamphlate "Through Revolution" great? Is it because of its adventureness I read it carefully, reread some of it twice and I fail to find anything in it. First of all, the idea of a man making a revolution because "the water was bad and "Tante Meyer" is not in order", is too ridiculous for words. Secondaly the idea of a man hoping to succeed in a revolution without bloodshed and at the same time running all over Europe to land his "guns that would cause bloodshed. Then the idea of hoping to overpower a Govrnmnet with a hand full of unprepared people and to expect that that Government wou.d submit.

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If I should admit of greatness at all, its the greatness of Killingers stupidity, but nothing else. Yes there is one other thing, the speach of the ~~st~~ states attoutrney delivered, that was indeed great and exposed the childish ness of Killinger in a masterly manner. He is a man of great learning and splended familiarity with political thought.

I believe Worst id right when he say, K. was ambitious, "Ehr geizig," which in English means vain glorious. No doubt he also wanted to serve the people, but in the first place he had a thirst for honor and also he was adventuress, but revolutions are not made that way, dear. Now, that I have told you my impression of the thing, I hope you will not hesitate to tell me why you were so enthusiast, and why the booklet is great, please do. I am returning it with Christine.

To come back to our work, I have a line of subjects in mind, but so far, only the titles, they too are tentative, I am inclosing it, let me know how you like them. Mainly, how you like the idea of opening our season with a rewiew of Berkmans book, which seems timely to me. And when are we to open? Sunday Oct 13th is the Ferrer meeting, we might have a Jewish lecture on that day up town, but we could not have an English one. That means we must open the 20th dont you think? Now, either "Vice and its cost," or Berkmans book for an opener, write me about it soon, i want to know which one to prepare first.

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Dearest, Christine tells me that you mentioned something about taking a flat for your mother wth her together. I think that an exellant idea. Aflat of four rooms, all seperate in the Phips costs 6,25 per week devided into two, it would only mean a little over three and all the rooms are seperate, also, your mother would not feel quite so much alone, nor would you worry so much about leaving her alone. What do you say? I am writing Gertrude Buell, who lives in the Phips, to look out for a flat, she has better chances, also those who live there are considered first , you probably do not know that there are a line of people waiting their turns to get an apartment there?

As your mother has paid up until the 24th and we are terrible short in money now, (I asked Schroeder) for a loan about the 25th, I would suggest that Christine fix up the place when she knows difinitely about Louis work, and that we move over the bed, table chairs, picturs and the bed we will get, the day before your mother comes. How does that appeal to you, dear? Remember Hobo, I am only suggesting, its for you to arrange about your mother as you please, I haveno intention of dictating in that matter nor in any other as far as that goes, though it may seem so to you at times. Write me about this too, since you write the typewriter so well, you ought to write me a long letter.

I mean to stay out here until next Saturday, then I am

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coming to the City, I may have a little social for Sperry, so Hutch, Havel Polly and a few more can meet her at our house next Sunday. My sister comes Tuesday and while she is not going to stay with me, I shall spend a good deal of my time with her. When Minnie leaves, the 18th and if the weather is favorable, I am going to take Helena to the farm, she will be in great misery with the two children gone at once so I want to take her away. If she gose with me, we will sty out here until the 23rd when I will come in to prepare the place for your mother, will that suit you?

My dearest Hobo, if I did not know that you love me though crudely, and that your cruelties are due more to your moods than lack of affection, I should have caught loose from you long ago. It is my faith in the ultimate good of your nature and the consciousness that you are so impulsive which has brought me back to you, over and over again. I know therefore that you do not mean to hurt me ever, but it hurts just the same, every time a little more than the time before. But as I have written you in my letter, written with my blood, dear, there is something "strangely beautiful and terrible about our love, facinating and killing at the same time. Thus it must go on. How long? Who knows?

Davis, has sent the amount for the book, I inclosed his chek I will send him the other when I get through. Annie Edelstadt has sent $1 for J Millers sub, please credit him, also $1 came in the letter

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I inclose, I have kept the $2, I am short as I have ordered a ton of coals its is quite chilly out here, we are having coal fires now.

Am sending you Margaret Johannsons letter, it will interest you, apropos of what Max wrote me, your intuion is good, you evidently know your sex, they are worse than women must always have some one to confide in. I must say I was wild with the mans recklessness. Well, even if she was his sweatheart, she ought not to be told anything on our part, save?

Monday. My precious boy. I had to give up writing to you yesterday to make Supper for my "family. Chrisitine and Lewis are realy a joy, so helpful, Louis has already done more work than all of you boys in the years you have visited the place, he is so handy. I wish I had the means to keep them here awhile, Louis would fix the place in great style.

Dearest , my back is so bad I can not sit long at the machine have therefore dictated my article from the rough sketch to Alex, have also had Christine make me a copy which I want you to give to Kerr ask him to make me a dozen typwritten copies I want to send the article to a number of our exchnages. And while you are talking to Kerr ask him what has become of the copies of Netlaus letter he was to make for me, would like to have them soon.

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to is this, write her at once, she will get your letter Wedenesday, tell her to answer immidiately and when you get her reply as to whether she wants the add take it to Goldman. we want to make the dummy Sunday and unless they get everything Friday we will not have all the ptoofs. I am also sending Goldman a small add of Rose Markus pamphlate, it is fairly good and whether she has writen it or not, she must settle with her own conscience, whats that to us. We state the pamphlate can be obtain from M.E, so you can write her for some and ask her to give us their wholsale rate.

Dearest lover mine, I have written enough of business more than usual, and so little of love, but what is there to say about the latter ? I love you more than life but like life, I am not happy with either. Always I have a dread in my bones, that we will never be happy yet I want happyness with you more than all else but why try the un attainable? Let get as much of our love as we can.

Write me dearest, and tell me how things are, its hard to wait for a letter from you so long. Max is to come for Sperry at 10 tomorrow, they must get to Ossining 12,15 because Rousseau will meet them. In case Max should be anable to come, take Sperry to the Station, tell her to take the car to the school house when she gets here and R will bring her out. I will most likely get back to town Saturday evening

I love you Hobo and I long for you, Mammy

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Office Sept. 3rd.

My dearest Momo,

I am not in a good to write the kind of a letter that I want to and I pick the lot [illegible] on this machine very slowley there is so much to write business and the [illegible] tahat I hardly know where to bigin

First I am glad you love [illegible] and want me wish I could be near you and feel your love and pos[illegible] that would heal all my wounds and remove all my sorrows /. This business [illegible] keeping Willie on a starvation diet is not very pleasent . I love [illegible] my darling and long for you and I give a gaeat deal to drink from the [illegible] reaching well.

Now to business . It [illegible] your list of subjects are good I will suggest several changes and new [illegible] ties latter But Ifeel sure that Berkman book will make a good drawing card for the first lecture, for myself I think that we outh to open up on San Diego, alo Ioan not understand wh[illegible] we should waibt for the third Sunday in Oct. Imade arrangements for both the jewish and the english meeting to open up on the Ist. Sunday .

Now as to halls . I had a note from Gustave Frohmann to come and see him about a theatre there is also a man Stirner who is a booking agent and he is also lookin[illegible] for a theatre for us I was up at Lenox Casino and the man said he will give us the hall for 20.00 per night it is a very big hall will seat 7or8 hundred and I am highly in favor of it I am sure we can make it pay and a large hall will permit us to charge a smaller feewhich I think is advisable you see if we have a large hall [illegible] can have debates and [illegible] 116 St. and Lenox Ave. is a good location let me know at once what you think of and try and see if we cant open [illegible] the Ist. Sun. of Octl. I [illegible] could get a theatre I should be in favor of it.

I dont [illegible] politics will interfere with us at least not as much as we will interfere with it especially the socialist. Paid the rent today and told the man to make some defin[illegible] arrangements about our [illegible]ance. Idont like his monkey business some [illegible] wrong about it somewhere .

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Now as to Christine Ivould no more think of having a home with her and Lewis that I would with Havel . NO NO NO if Ioant share a home with you [redacted] I want ahome alone with my mMother . Ihave lived all alone with my mother all my life and Ihave no desire to make [illegible] change

I want to do serious work to rest to plan an d I do that best with you and rest alone with my Mother . IF there is any reas[illegible] not [illegible]

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next alone with my Mother. IF there is any reason why Mother should not
come well and good the more I think of the less inclined I am to bring my
moyher here I do so want her and I really long for a real home BUT I
dont see how Wecan manage things .
Lewis had his pockets picked so Christine said she came up here crying
and I said I would let her have a littkle money tomorrow She said you want
her to come to the flat for several days If it your wish I will make them
as comfortable as possible. Idont think it is wise as to Lewis and
Christine going to the farm for a month if you need them [illegible] not have them
It is now dark and I must stop Iam hungrey tired and lonely for you
Iwish I knew Ithat you were to sleep in my arms tonight
Ihl Baby I love you Iam completely yours Ihope you enjoy your
visit with Sperry and I trust you will not develope any T E C H N I C U E
where you can displace me About 8 came in day

Come kiss me and love me now t ake me .

Now

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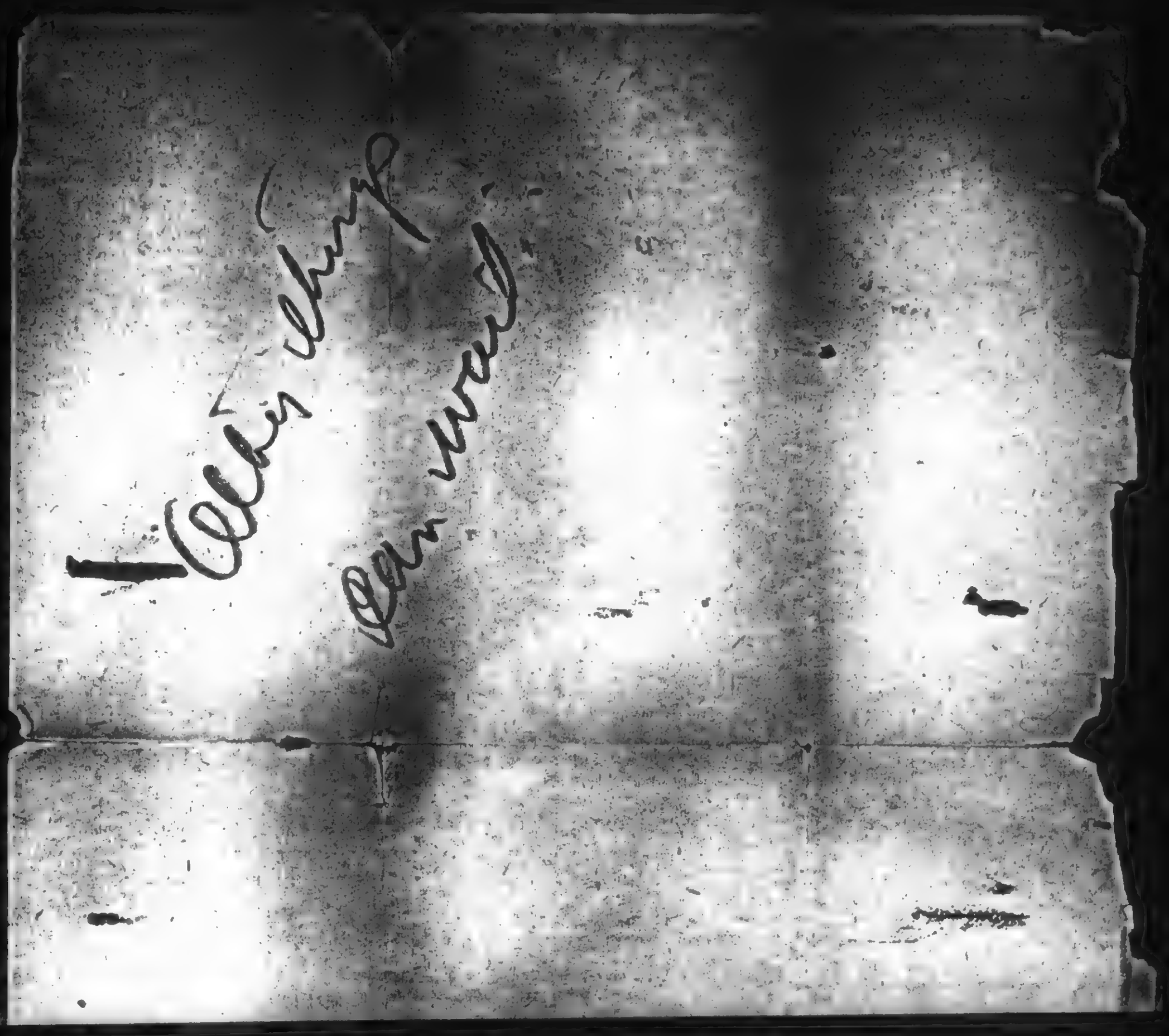

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Sept 4th.

Hobo dearest Hobo.

I think Max is going to town this evening after all, so I will send this along, it will help to balance the letter I wrote this A. M. which was not very cheerful. Dear boy, you always assure me of your love and how much you want me, yet when I write you a letter pouring out my soul you do not even take the time to read it properly. Of course, you must have been tired when you came back from N J, yet if I would come back near death, I would still be impatient to read your letter. You certainly did not read mine, and I will tell you how I know.

The first question in my letter is who wrote your letter to me? I can see by your own typewriting that you could not possibly have written such a perfect typewritten thing yourself. Why did you not reply? Surely, I am entitled to know who is it that shares your thoughts about me? Don't you think?

But lets go back to the points I raised, Dear, I have no desire to impose Christine and Louis on you, I do not want you to live with them, I only thought since you spoke to Christine about hunting a flat together, that you would want or meant a flat together. But why should I want you to do that? I am consenting to your briniging your mother here because I know you want her badly and also that she wants you, I certainly would not even breath anything that would disturb your peace and comfort

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that would in the least interfer with your plans, besides, there is nothing gained from a material standpoint. As to whether we can afford it? Well, no more than we can afford many other things. But still less can we afford your unhappyness and unsatisfied longing, that means more to me than all else. Besides dear, you have been spending on an average of $9 per week, you send your mother $5, thats 14-$5 per week, which ought to keep you and your mother in N.Y nicely, especially as you will want occasionall, to have your meals at Mommys, will you? Altogether, I am determined that you should bring your mother, if you want to and I know you do?

As to having a home with me? I hoped for it once, but can not deceive myself any longer, we are too different and you would never be as content with me as you are with your mother. Naturally so, I am not as docile dear, nor yet as ready to give without receving, as mothers are. Sweathearts, must occasionalyy give and not only receive and you have not learned to do that. When you will, we might build a home together, not until then.

Dear, why did you take such a violent dislike to Christine? You liked her before I did and corresponded with her, whats the mat er now? Is it because she loves another man? As to Louis, he is simple, knows nothing of Anarchism or literature, but he is the only willing working man who have come into my house, and I appreciate that, I can tell you.

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He was out here two days and worked every minute, Chtristine was a comfort and when one is surrounded by cripples all ones life, it is a treat to hae some one who needs to waiting on and looking after, I am getting tired of the other sort, or maybe old. Louis offered to put the house in order during a month for $25, which is simply a ridiculous prise, I wish I had the money I would do it in a moment. But unfortunately, it will need at least $75 for material which we have not now, that the Forestets went back on us.

I wonder why, the letter is from Tom not May, but to use your expression it is as it is and it cannot be any tisser. We will have to pull along but it makes me ill to think of the everlasting borrowing, will it ever be different.?

Hobo, mine, how can you suggest that we open Oct 1-st? You know I have not a line prepared and that I will not get the time to do anything until my sister leaves, about the 25th of this month, how do you think I can grind out things from my brain in so short a time? It can not be done. If I am absolutely to be pressed into harness I would say the 8th but not a day before and even that is terrible, I know I ought not to begin before the 3rd Sunday, if I am to do good work. I am however upposed to opening on S. D. I have no desire to do that. The thing is dead, badly botched and will not bring out the slightes interest, besides I am not opening on agitation stuff, I am to begin a series of lectures. If the boys in S.D. start anything until our opening night, I will speak about it, but I would not

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otherwise I am tired of the thing.

I hate awfully to disagree with you, but I am not in favor of a theatre before election, unless we can get one for very little. It is not only the rent, but the advertisement and as we have no means, not even to proparly launch B,s book, we can not start with a theatre, which would mean a terrific expence. The Lenox Casino, might be worth while, though if it is the Hall we once had it will never hold 600. But nevertheless we might try that, 116 st is a good neighborhood and I am in favor of charging only 15 cents, please do not let us start in with double prises at I hate for N.Y.. At any rate if you want the meetings announced in the Sept issue you will have to know it by Saturday night, we make the dummy Sunday.

It is tragic Hobo, that you must starve yourself for a whole week, its an awfully long time, but I believe ~~that~~ if you would talk less of sex, you would not have to do such hard work. I am inclined to think that Hutch stimulates you too much, perhpas you had better not see him so often. I have known you to be with me on our tours for a whole week with out any particular desire for the T.B. whats the rush now? Well, I am bringing Sperry in on Saturday if Berkm will have his last chapter for me she might help you out. You regret not having had ~~to~~ chance to get acquainted, she tells me you got pretty well aquainted for the short time you were together, ~~besides~~ you may finish it up when we get in, How is

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that? Your Mommy is more particular as you know, if you want me you will have to get very closely a quainted with me, with love and affection not only sex though I want that too, but I want more dear, much more.

Sperry is so much like Marie as to make the similarity almost startling, she smokes and drinks as much, is as lazy and inert, and uses the same language, not to speak of her general attitude towards men and life, just like Marie. She ought to interest Hutch, ask him if he wants to meet her to come to the house Sunday afternoon, she leaves Monday. If I were positive that Berkman will be through with that damned chapter I would invite Hutch for Saturday evening, but I am not certain now, I will ~~not~~ come in without it, the longer I wait the worse it gets, It must go to Goldm Monday the very latest. I will write more difinitely Friday..

Dear dearest Hobo in all the World, I am going through a terrible struggle since our last awful, agly diasagreament, and you do not know nor you understand. I love you, I long for you, but I am begini g to feel that if there is to be no harmony or beauty in our life, I should rather not havr you at all, and that not because any other man is in my life either.

I strectche my arms towards you, I clasp you tight, I put you ~~[illegible]~~ head on my M. I drink you juicy W. and I give my T.B. to you but only if it all can be done in beauty, not otherwise.

With much love

Please do not forget to send Mommy Carlson paper — there is lots in the Jan. issue and [illegible]

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Wednesday

Dear Kalo

I never keep my promises. When Max brought me your letter I should be the happiest girl in the world if I could go to see that fine Yessenia play. But I am afraid

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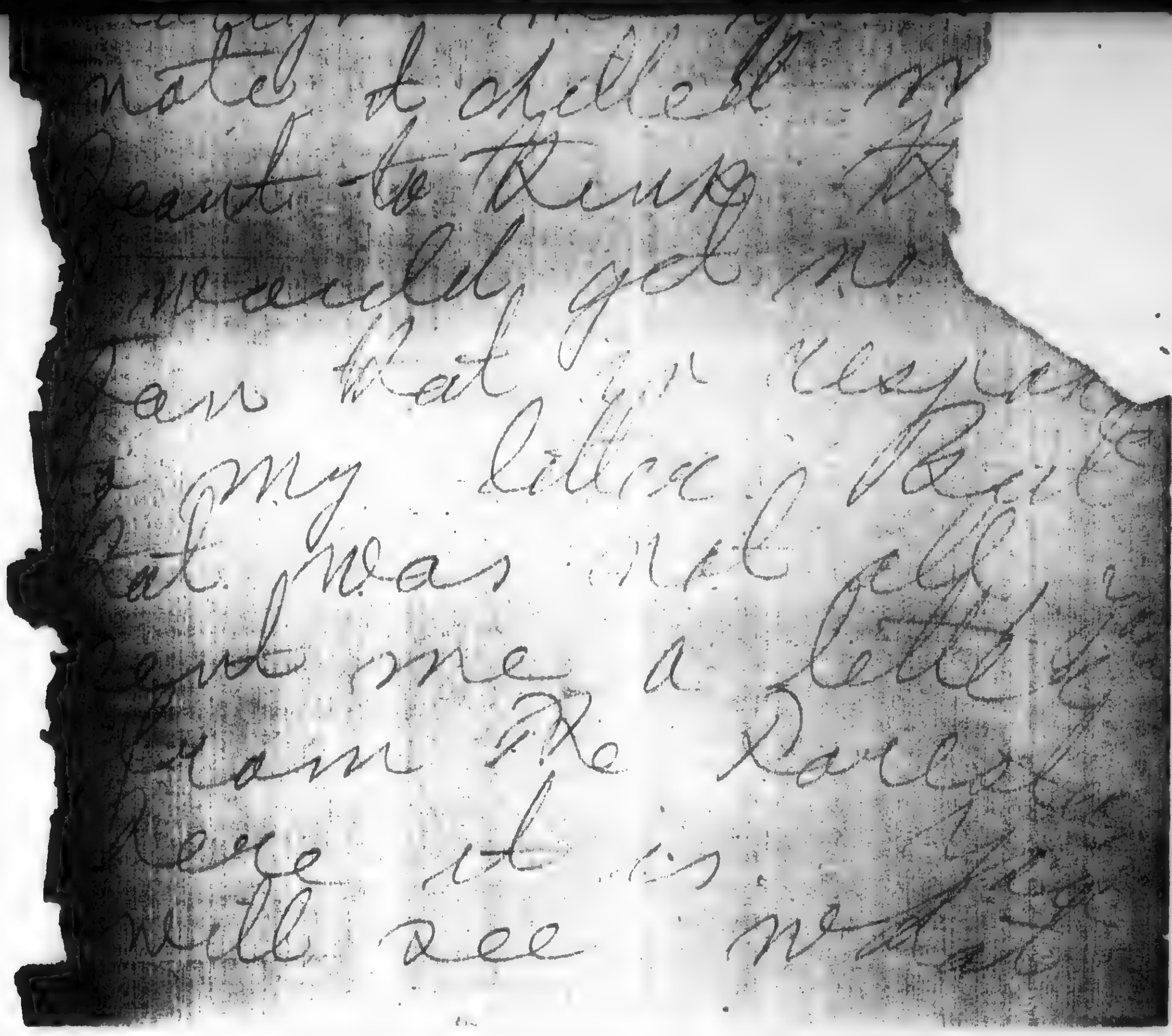

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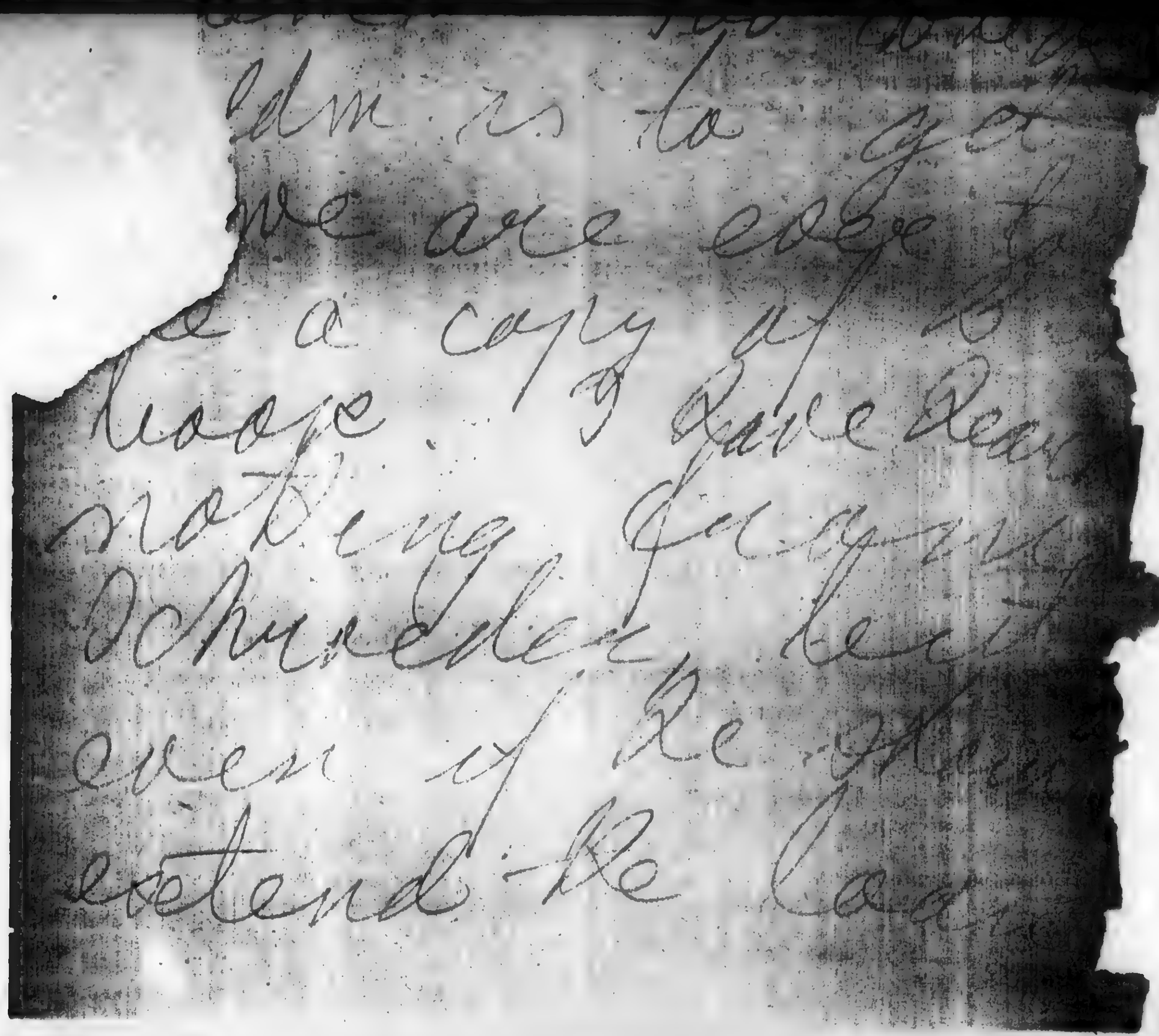

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certainly well not
be able to address
me do these things
and I am yours
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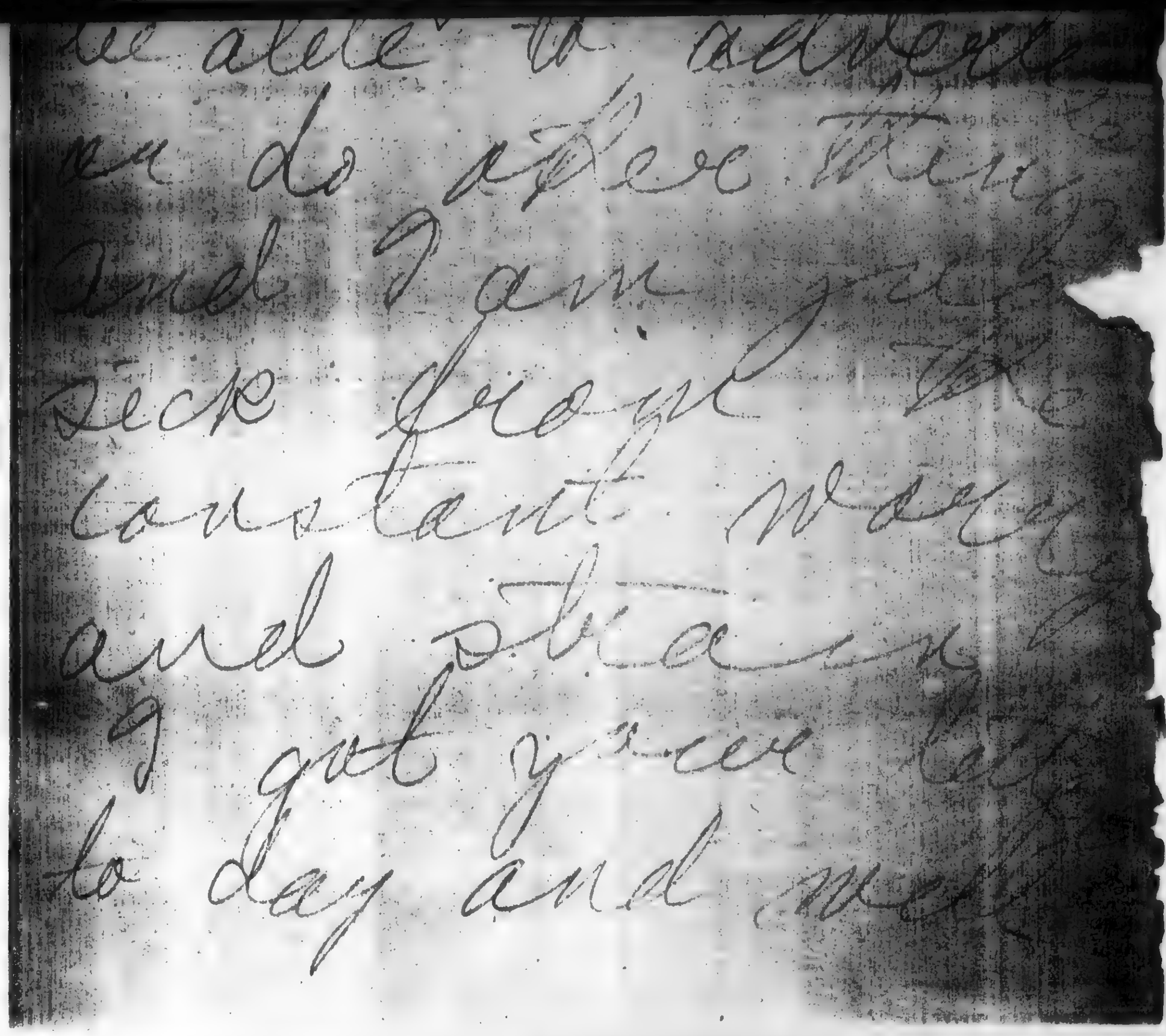

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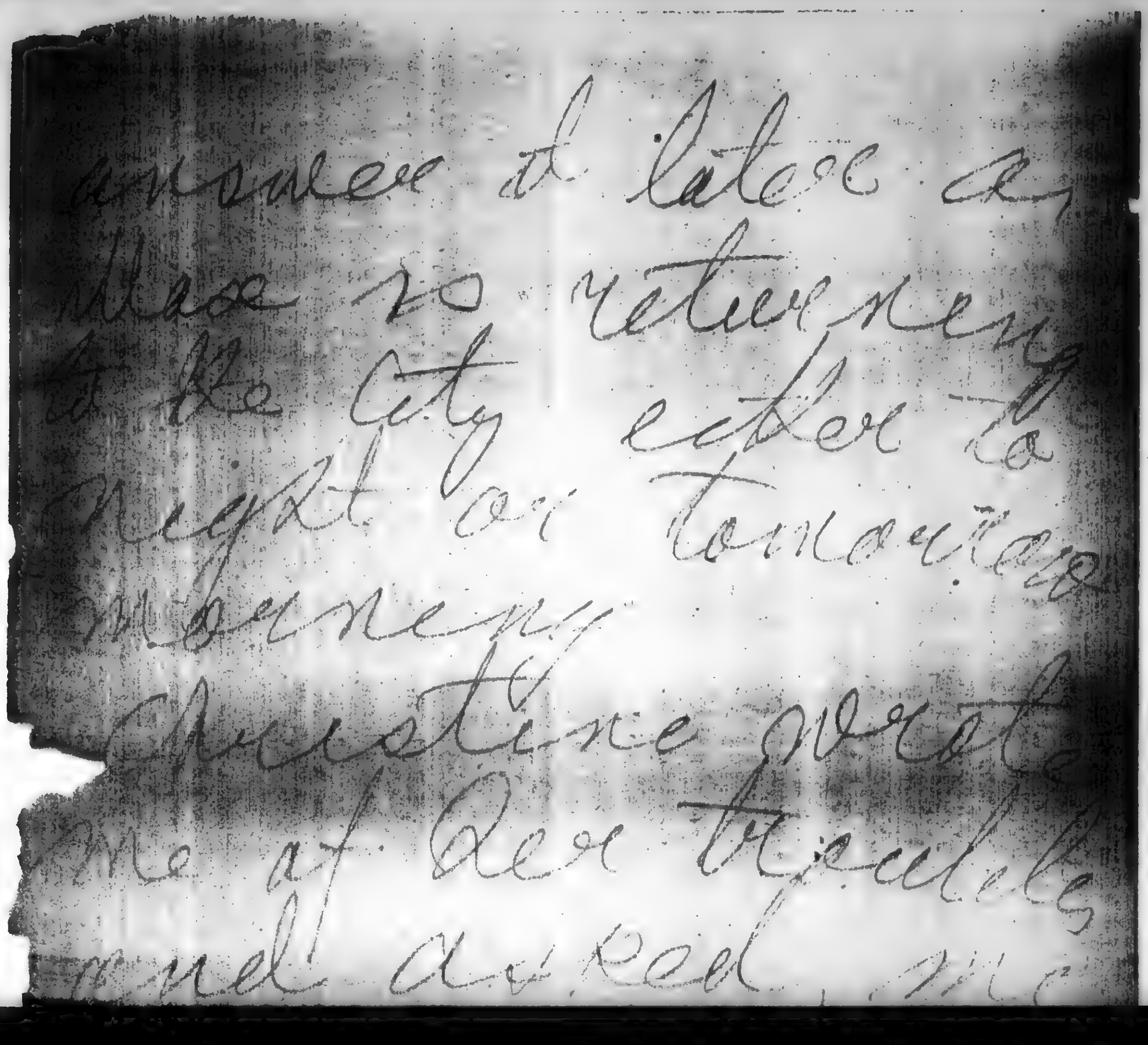
anywhere at large as
these no attorneys
in the city either to
night or tomorrow
morning.
Question would
come up. See Harris
and all and

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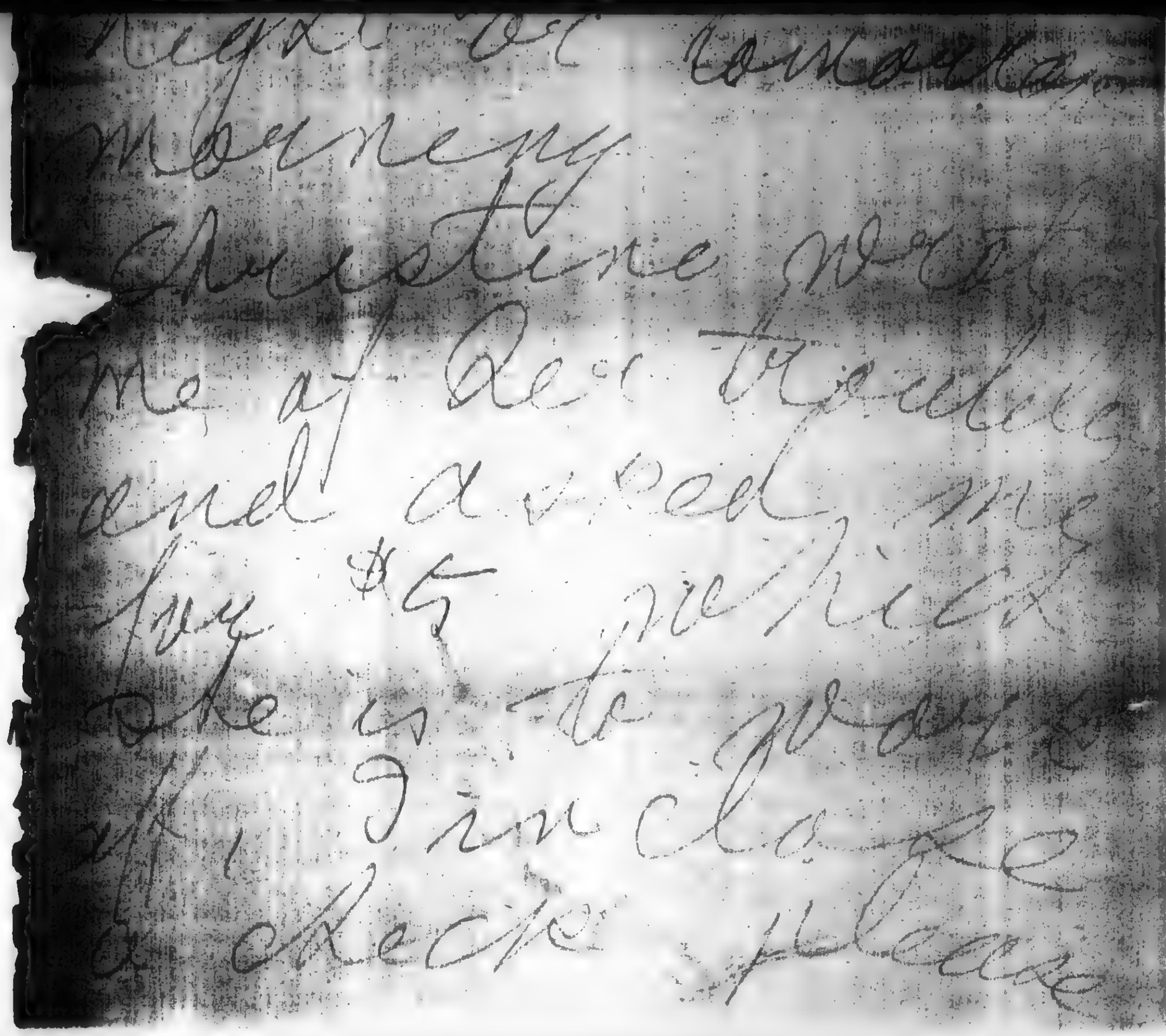

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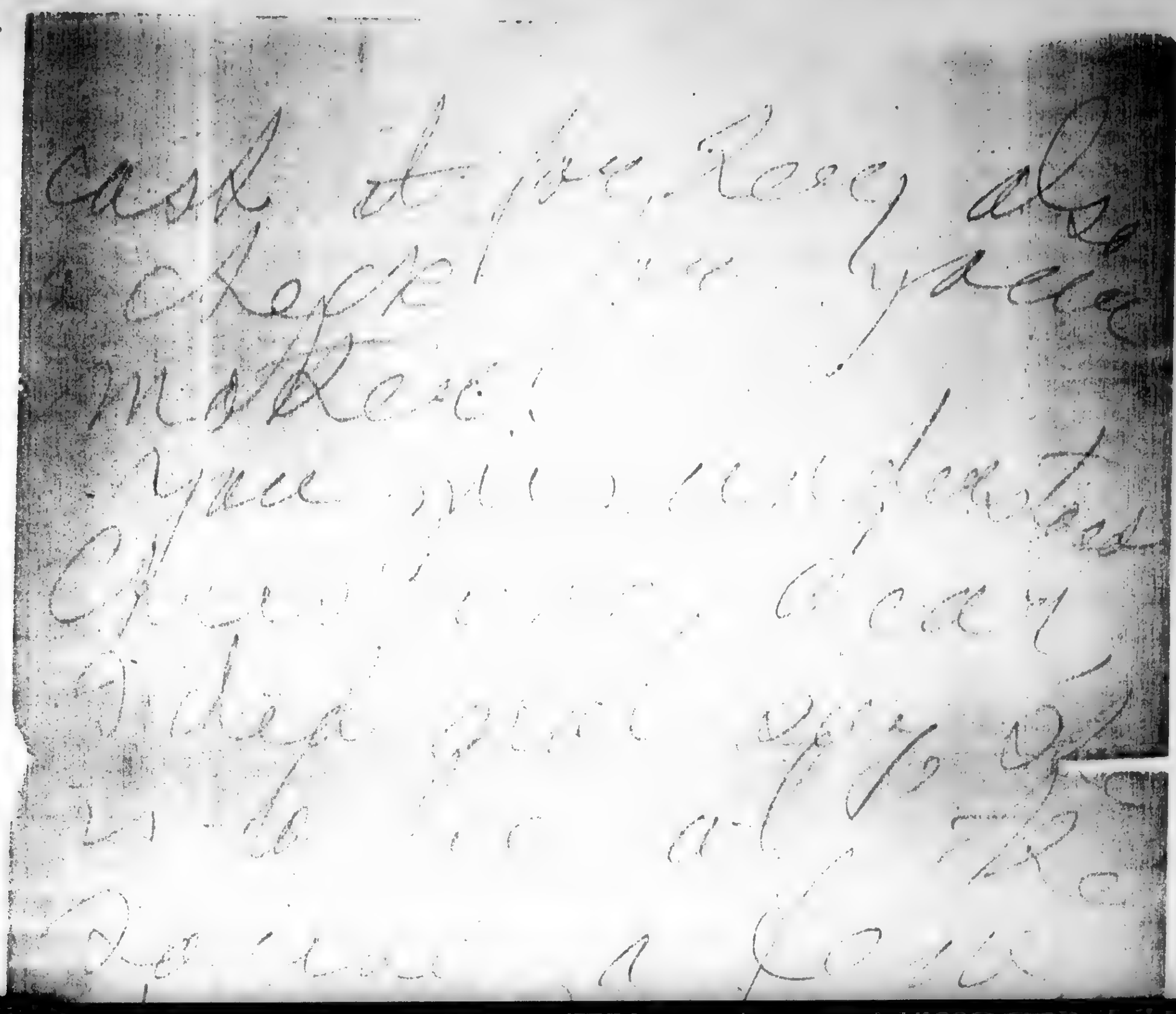

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I did not get your
letter until
Friday afternoon
dear, I believe
I might
have to come to
Rochester
Rochester

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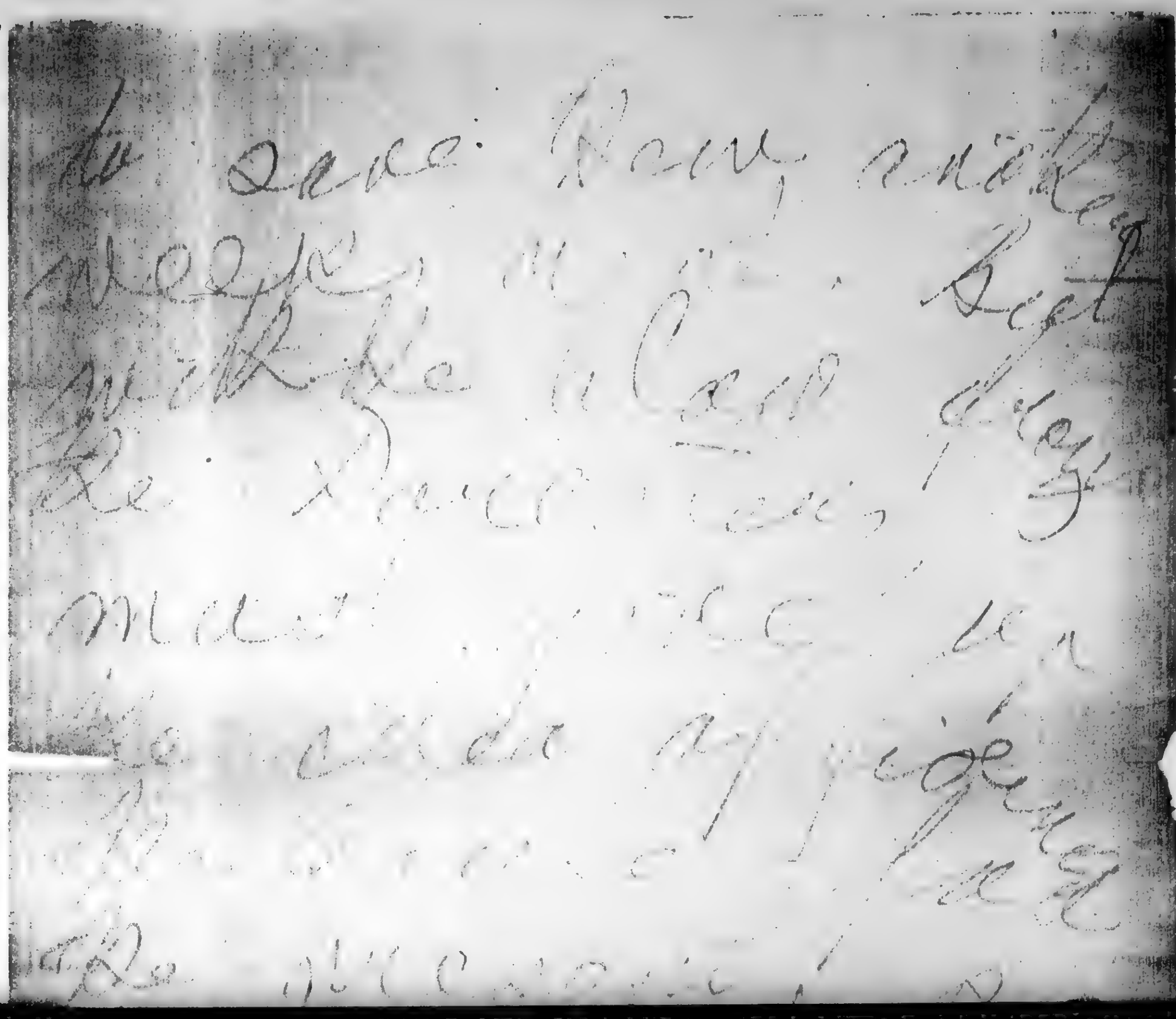

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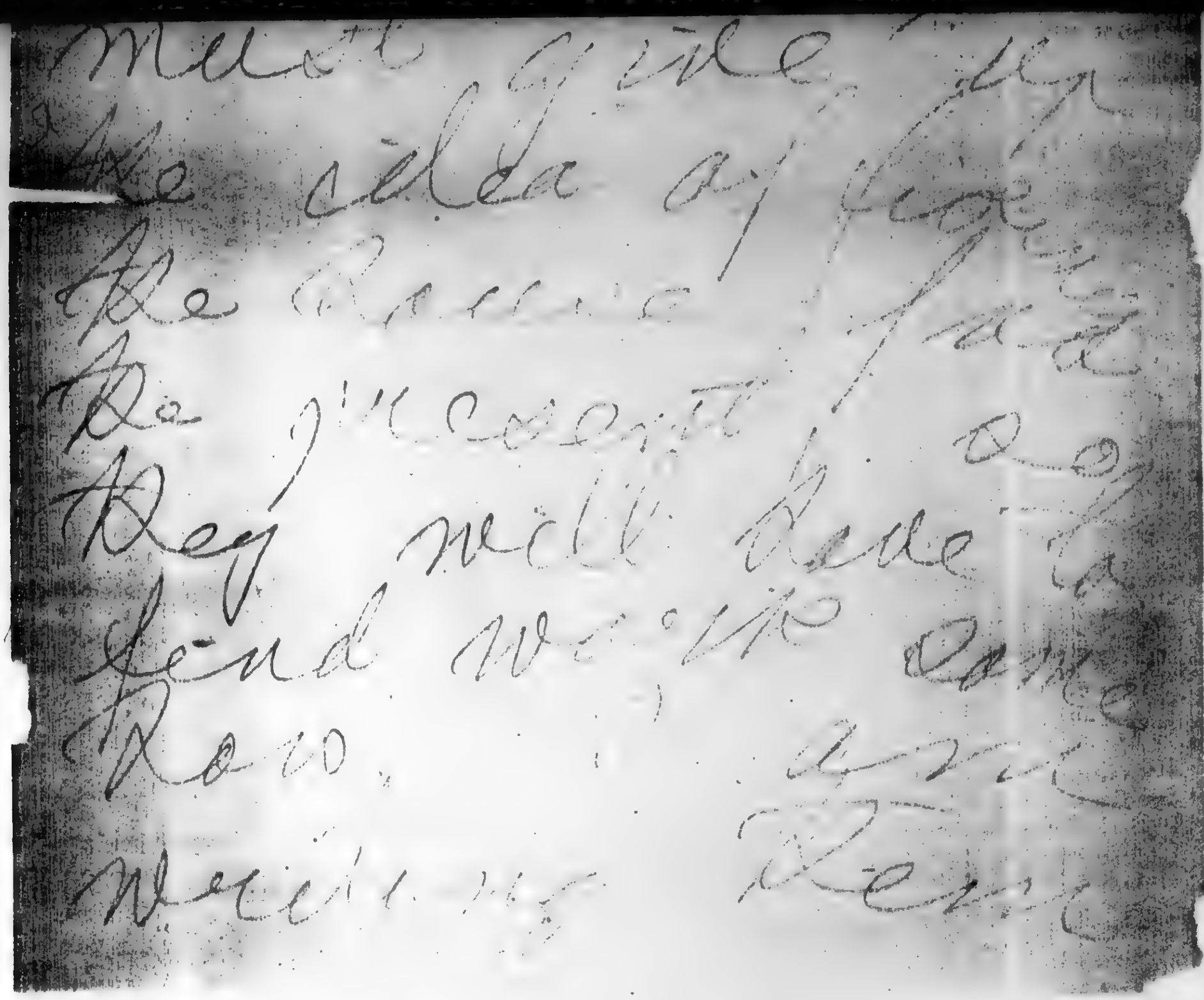

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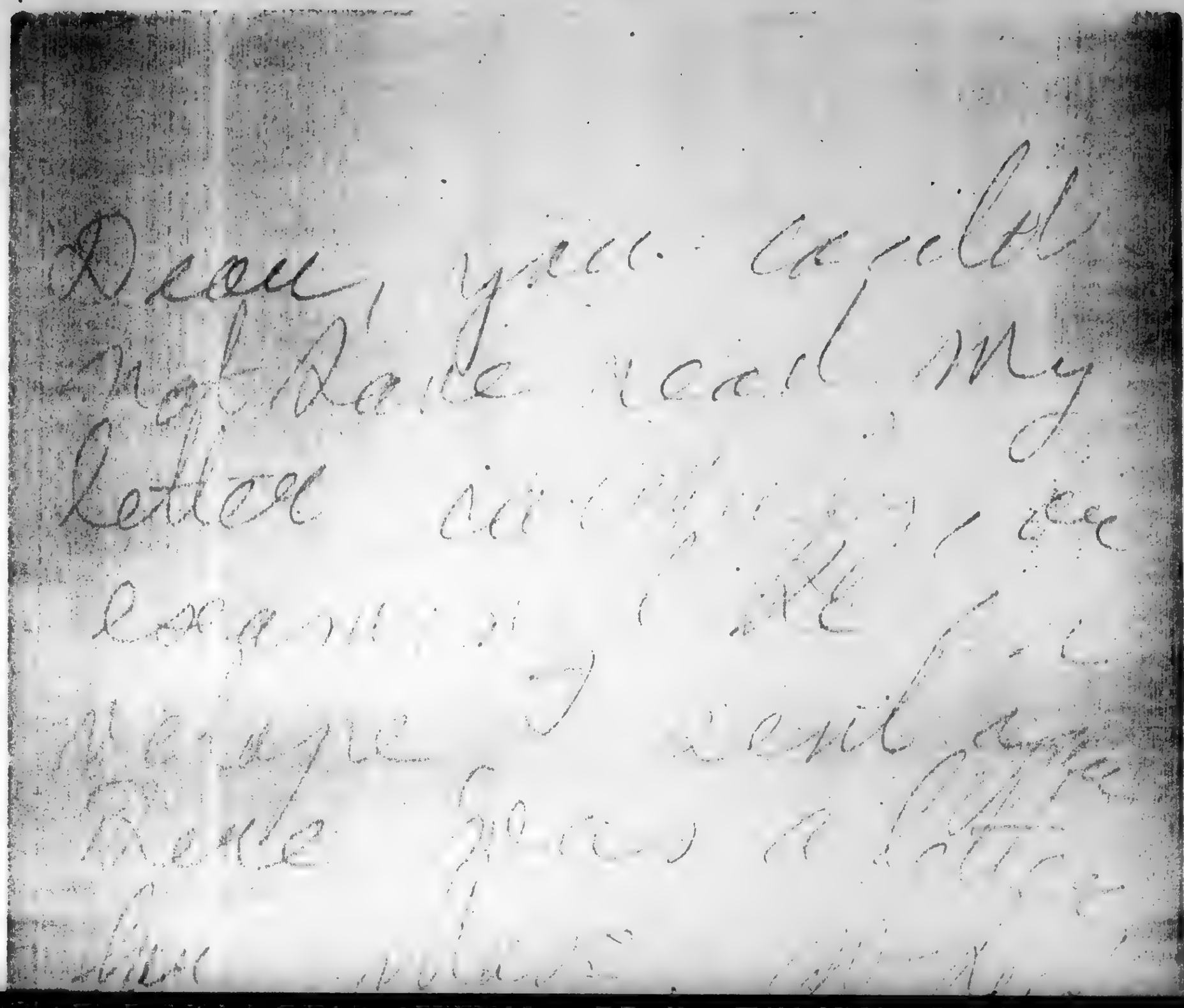

Dear, you carelessly
Mislaid your my
letter [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

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examine the en-
velope I sent you.
There was a little
fine mark which
he did not get.
I asked you to
carbon it out in
several places

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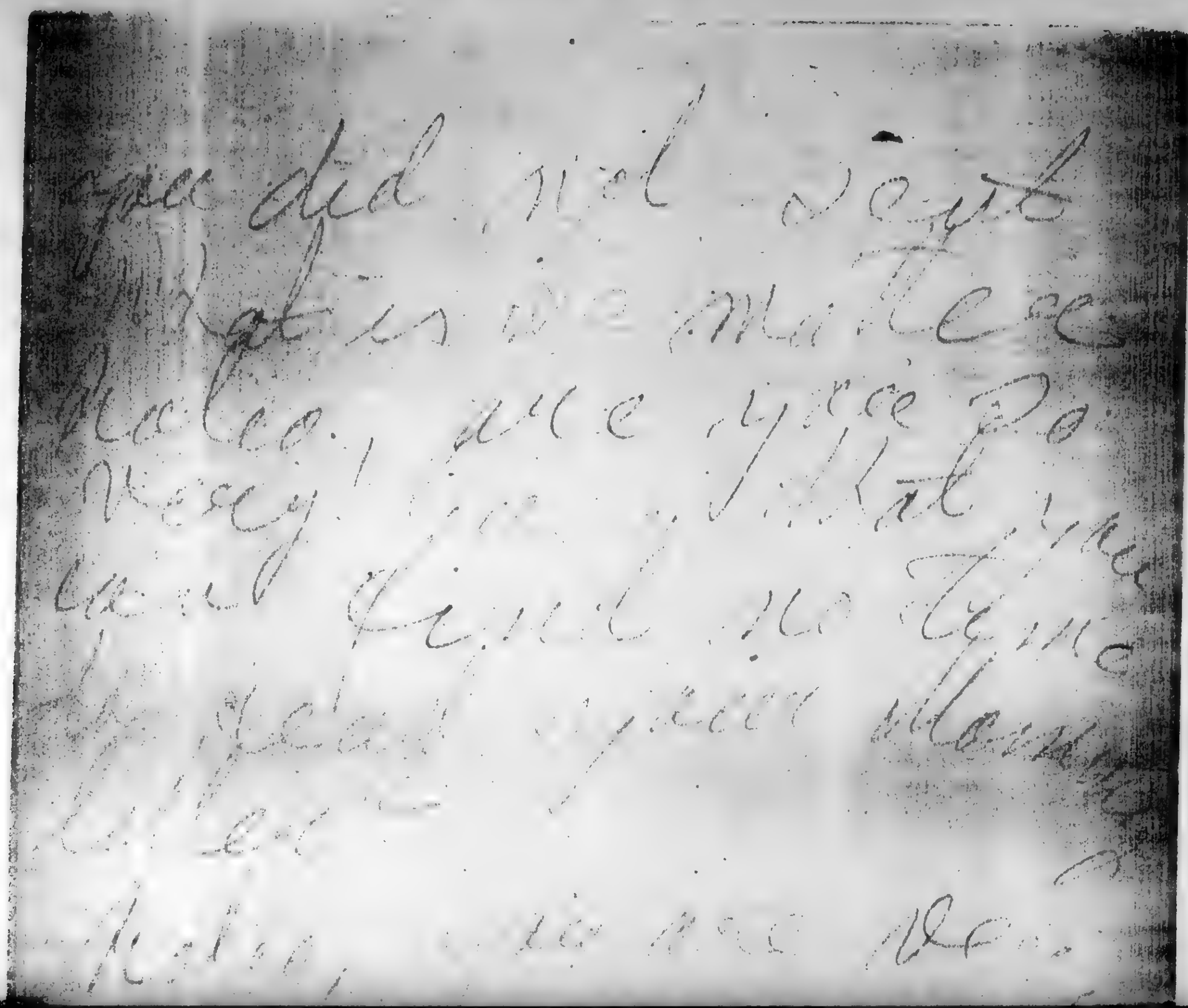

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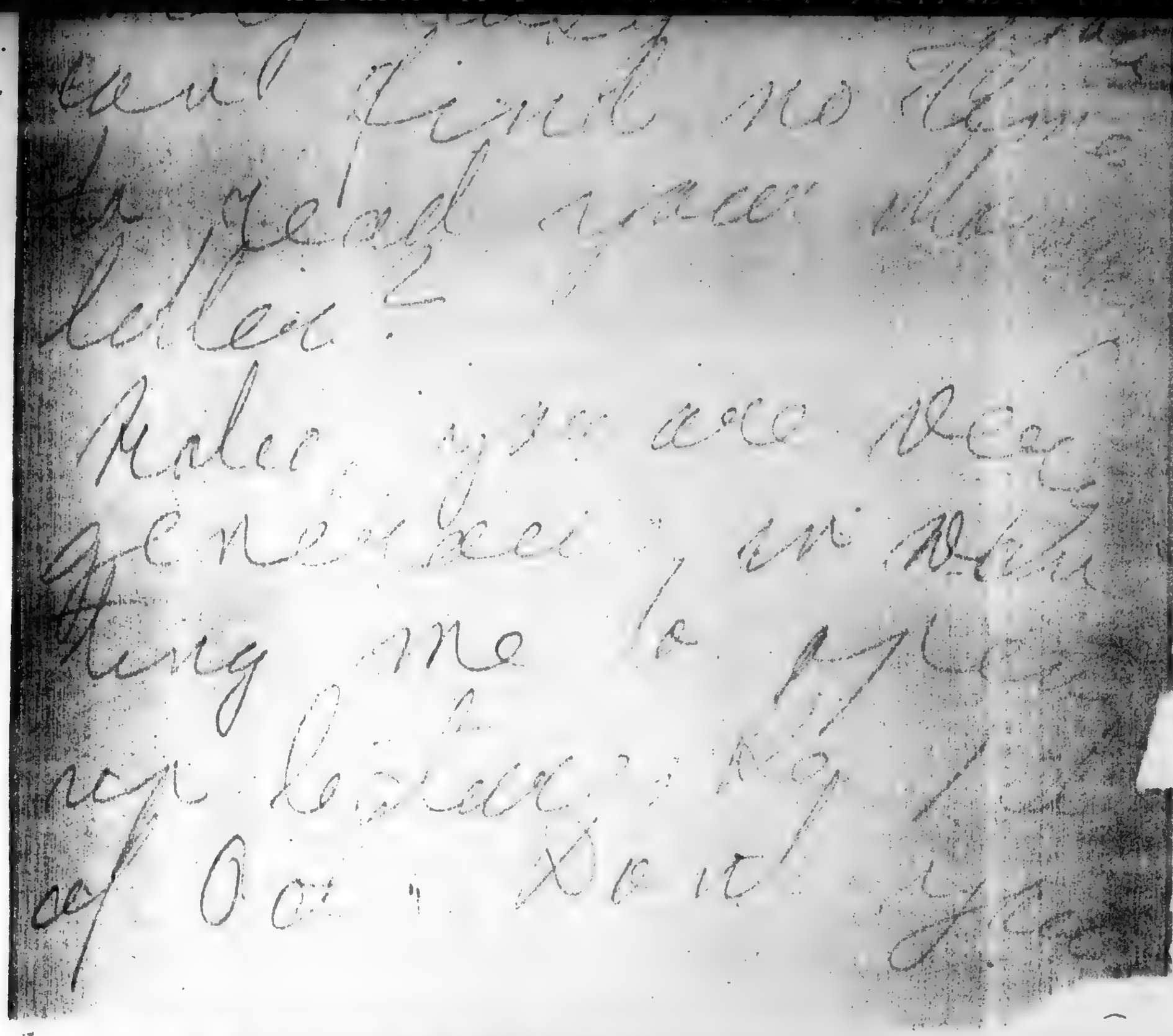

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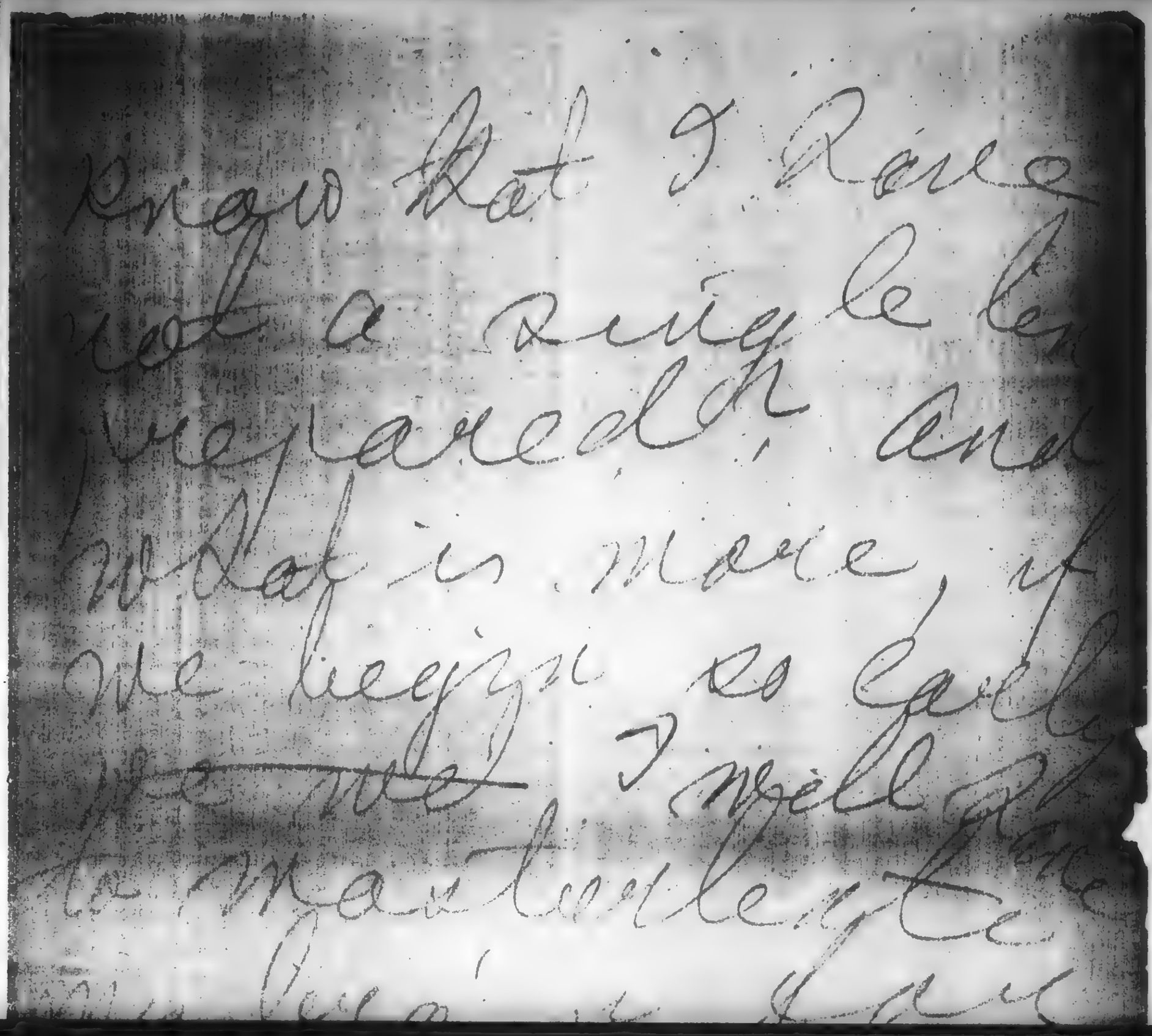

Dear Ben I have
not a single be
longing, and
what is more, if
one begins to feel
~~[illegible]~~ I well know
the inevitable fate
awaits you. I have

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What is more, if
we begin so early
~~we will~~ I shall
be marvellous
my lecture figure
at least 3 lectures
more, now it
do not seem to

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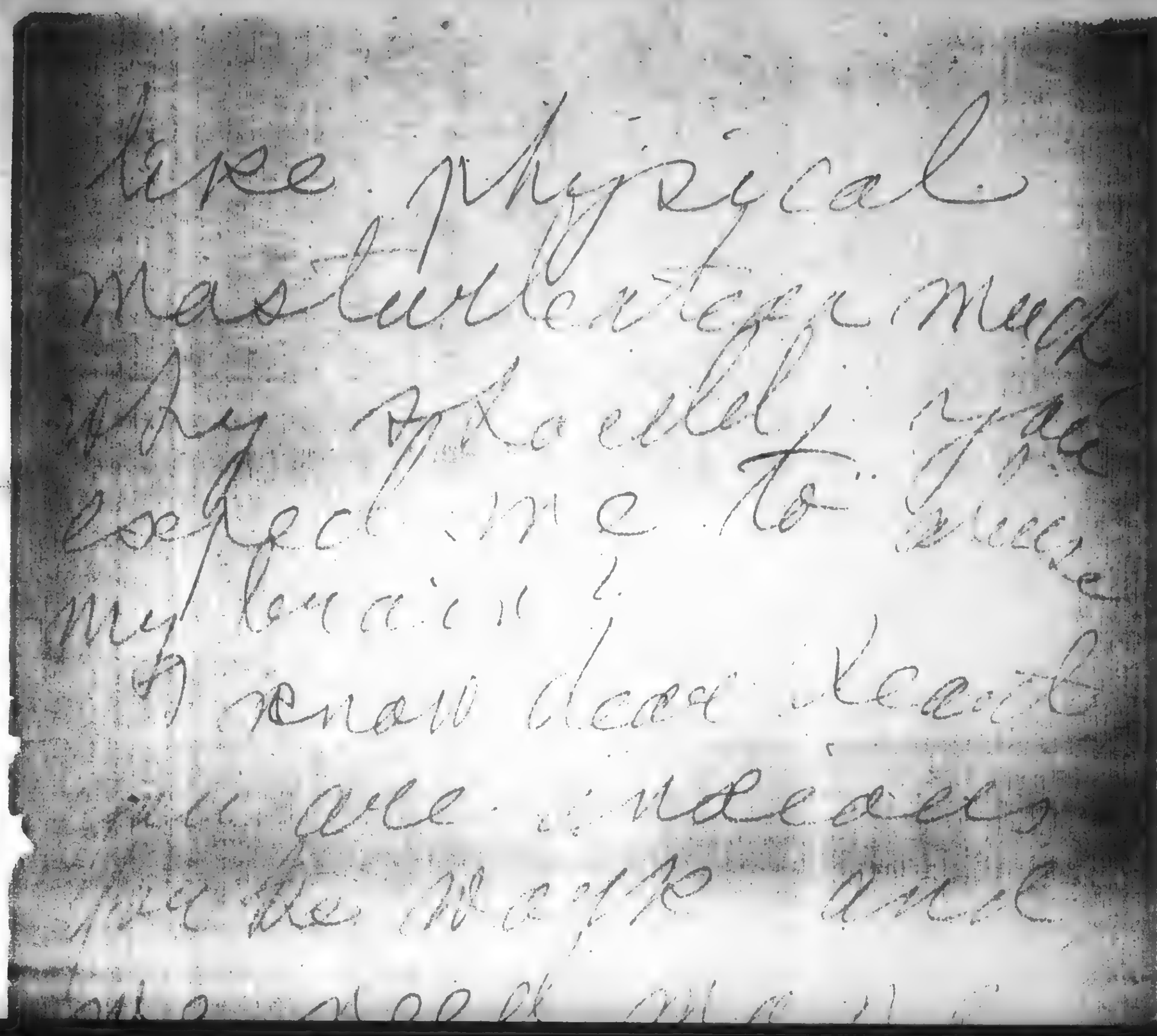

Dear Physical
Masturbator, merely
they actually give
cocaine me to please
my lover!!
I mean dear heart
in case incases
little Hopkins make
[illegible]

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Don't let me be away
my darling 2
I know dear Ben
you are needed
for the work and
we need more
besides, but I
could and would
not begin until

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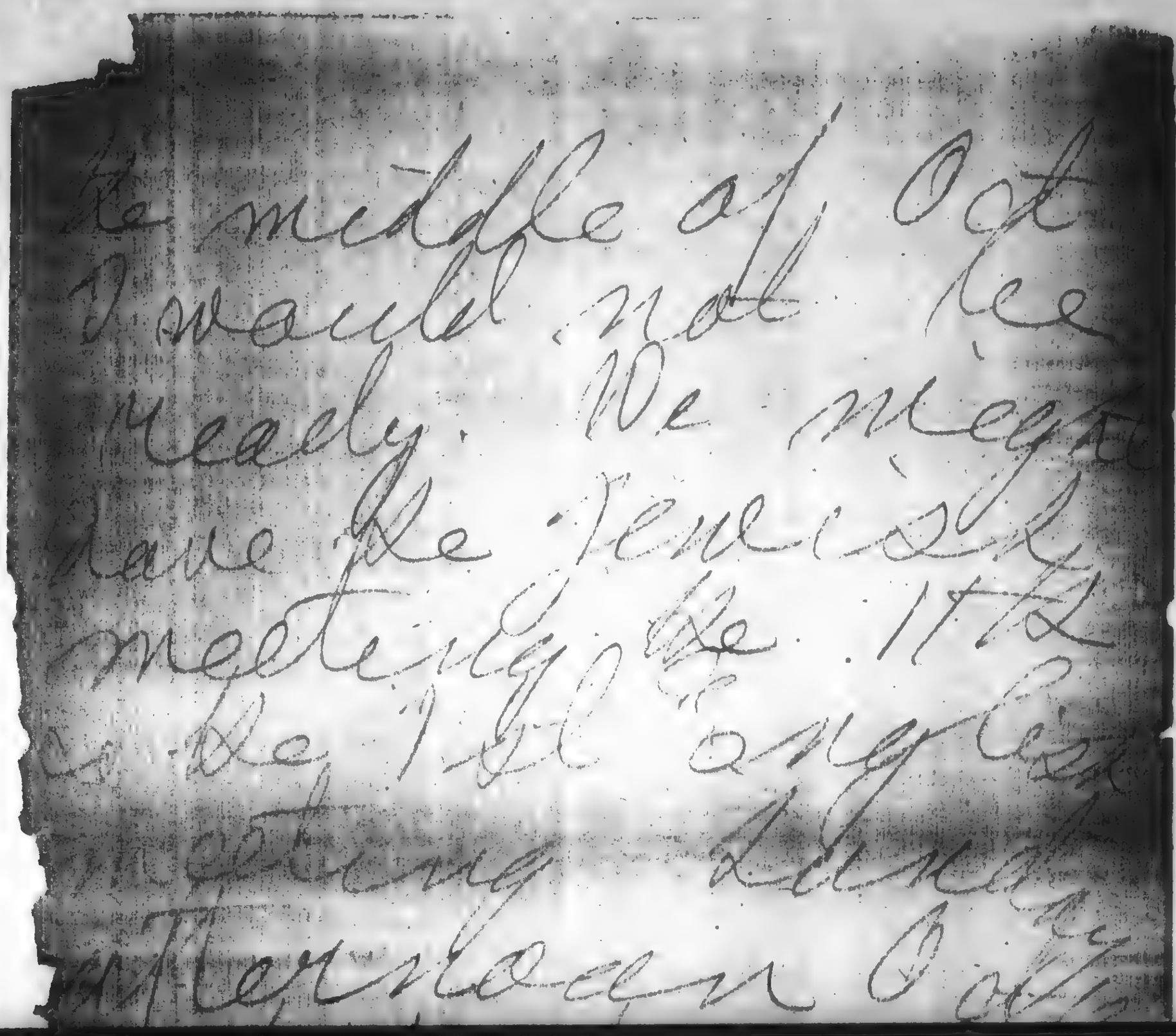

In middle of Oct
I would not see
nearly. We must
have the revised
meeting at the
in the I.W.W. organizer
nothing. Although
[illegible] Coffin

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have you found
meeting the 1st
& the 1st Sunday
meeting
afternoon & Sunday
but before
I will write
yet and
things to afterwards

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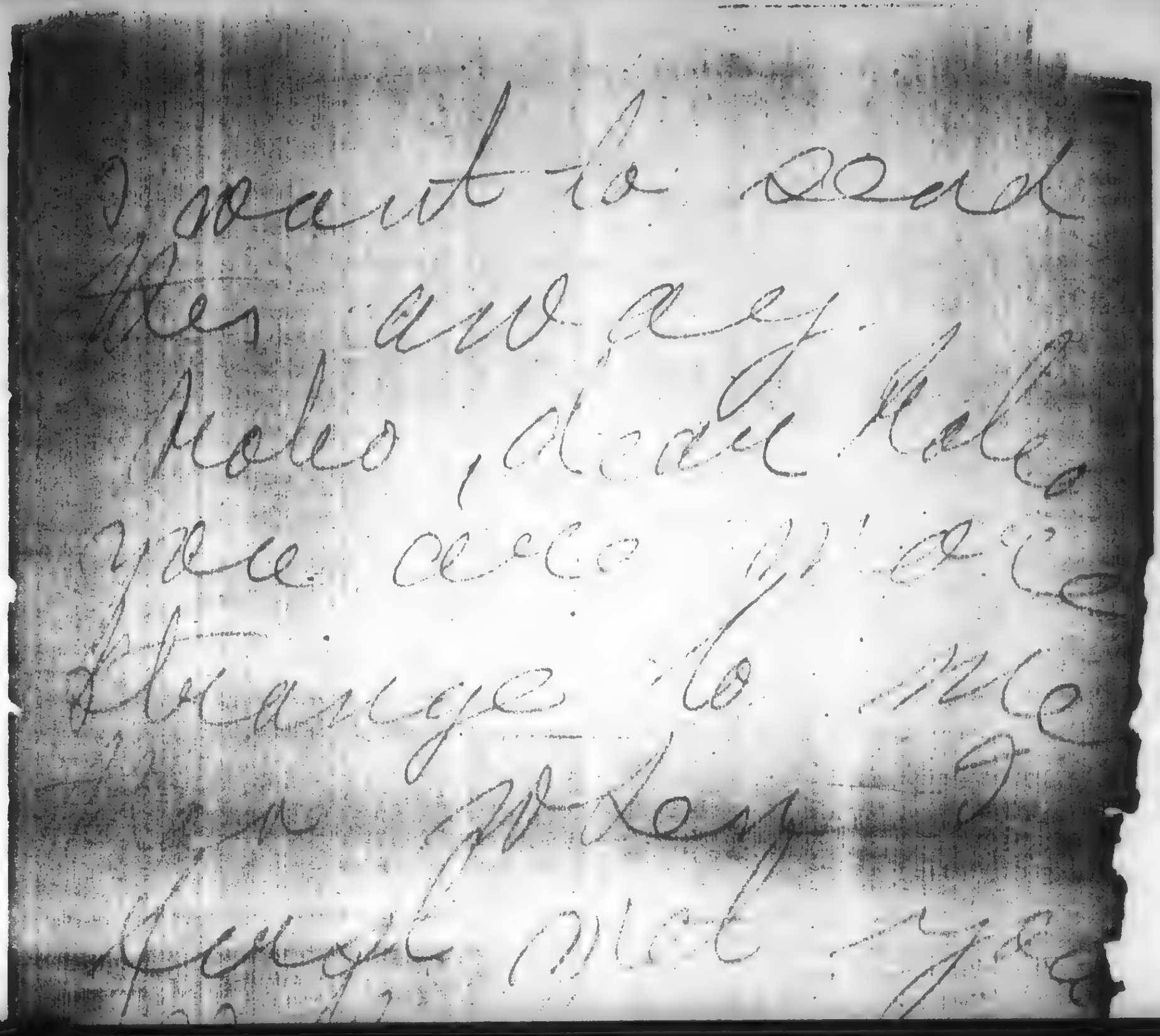

I want to work
for you and
Hobo, Hobo Hobo
you are the
Champ to me
Mine Mixing
Tought that
[illegible]

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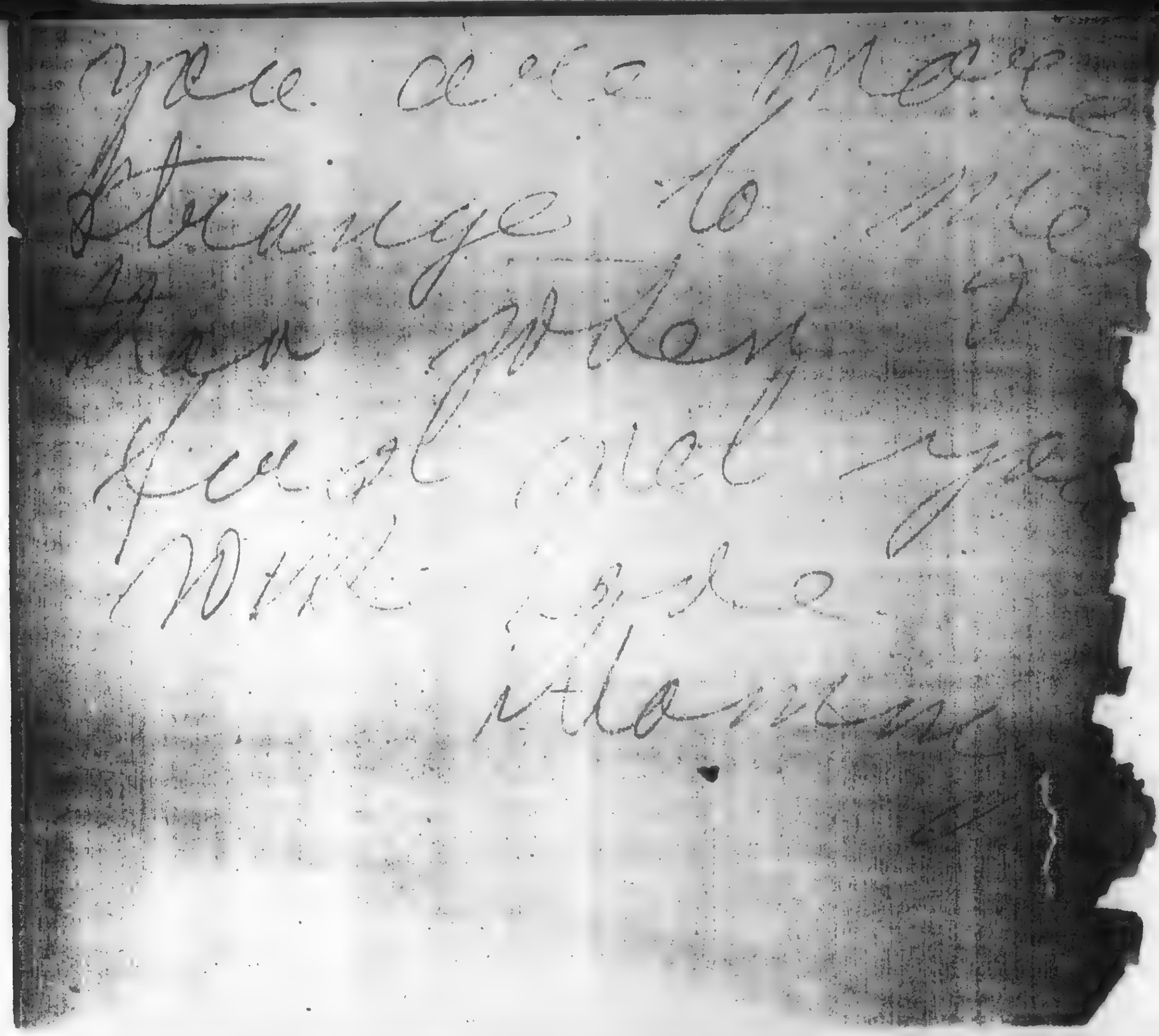

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My Great Lover

If your were not such an Idealist I would come out to nigh and drink freely from the T. B. But you dont like to feel that you are a mear wife , you also told me that I was so hardyony the last time that y you were rather compelled to give in to me .
I often meant to say to you that the main difference between us was that You were in love with Love and I was inlove with you Not so Baby?
Iam scrry that Ican give you so little, when I think about having a home , it makes my heart bleed when I realize that you Would not have a real home with me What you alwayshad and what you will always need is a home of your own You will not entirely agggree with me but it is true . Ifell full of life but I am insecure about you Oh God my lover Iknow youn much better than you think I do and often I think that you are either not honest with me or with yourself/ I am not queralling for today I have a great hunger for you and Willeis urgeing me to go to you Moe was here to day and he said he may go out on the boat tomorrow and he wants me to go with him if I were sure you wanted me I would go :
Some proofs came from Goldman I dont Knew wether you want all of it sent to the farm. I sent out bills to day I seethat considerable money is owed us . Chritine and Lewie moved to our flat today There were buste so I let them have $I.50 they didnt have a cent Also Havel was in and asked for $I.00 so I gave it to him And Beckie who is not well and any tjing but cheerful (her Lover is not with her) is broke and when Iest home I buy the things So you see .
Mommy I want to bite you
Business was rotten today 50cents came in today I am send in g you all the Proffs to day I just read you article on Winnn and think it good . It is Passionate and I wamt you

Just had a awful pain in its Belly.
Moe has been here again.
There ain't no rang to rang of the
you and I want you

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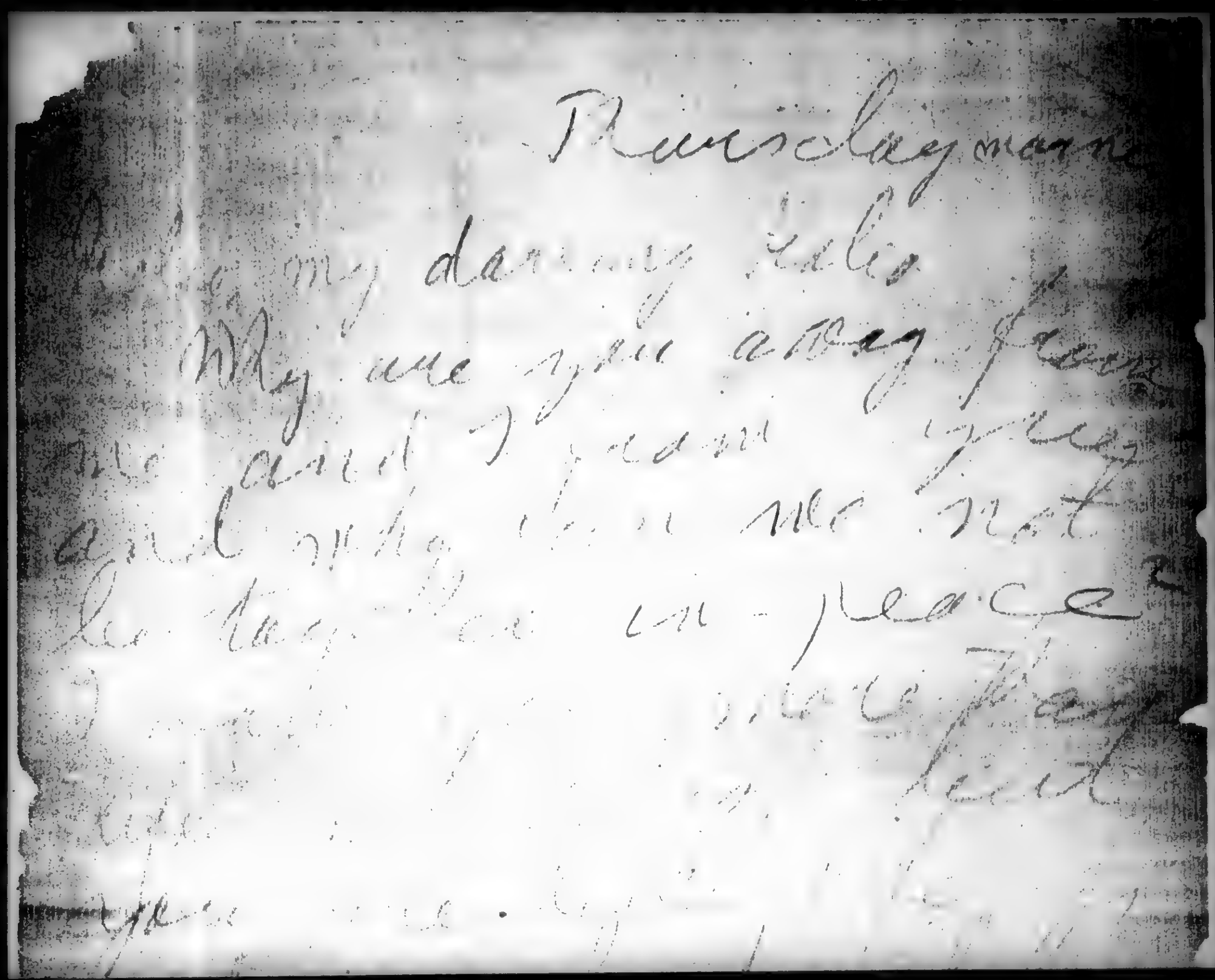

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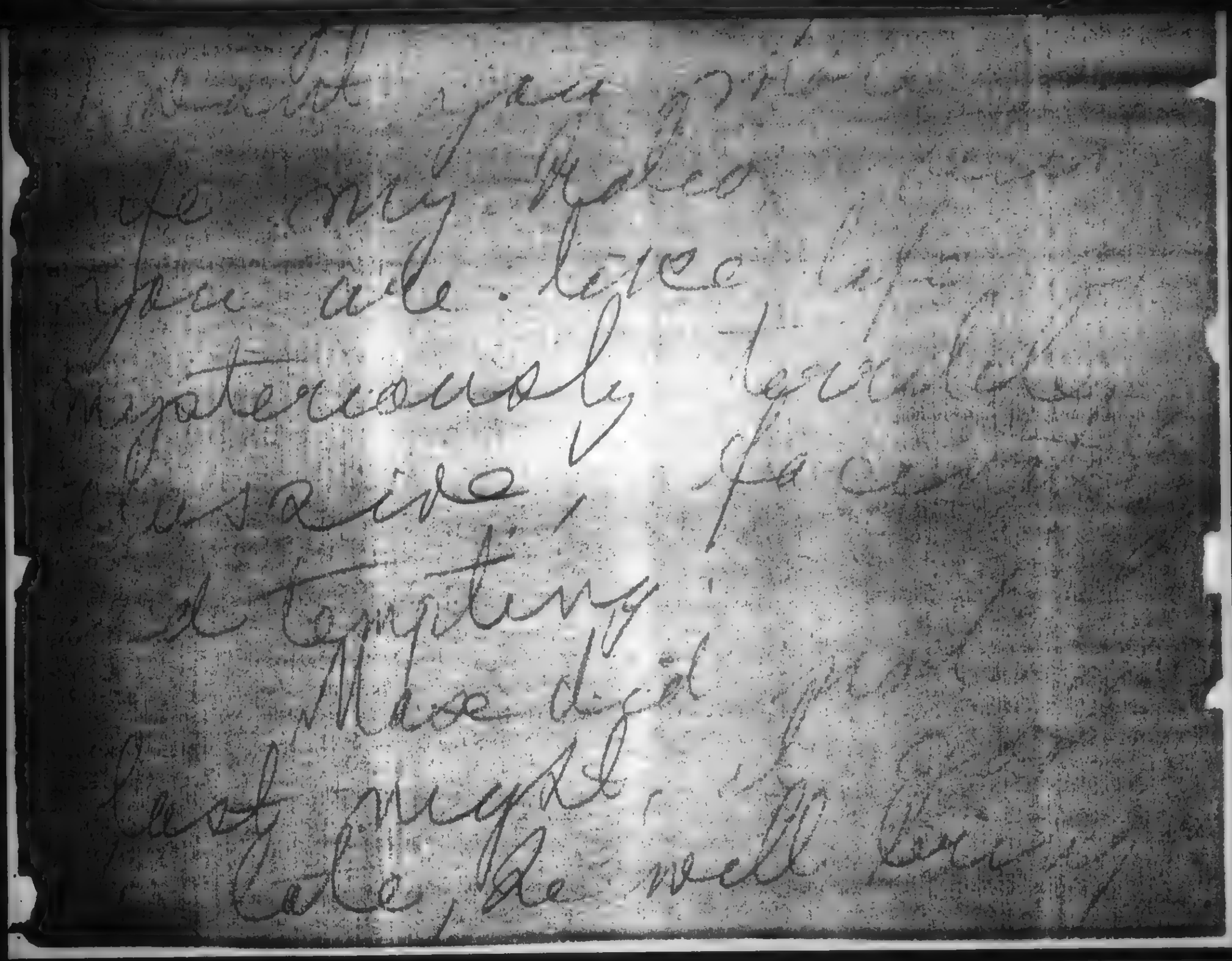

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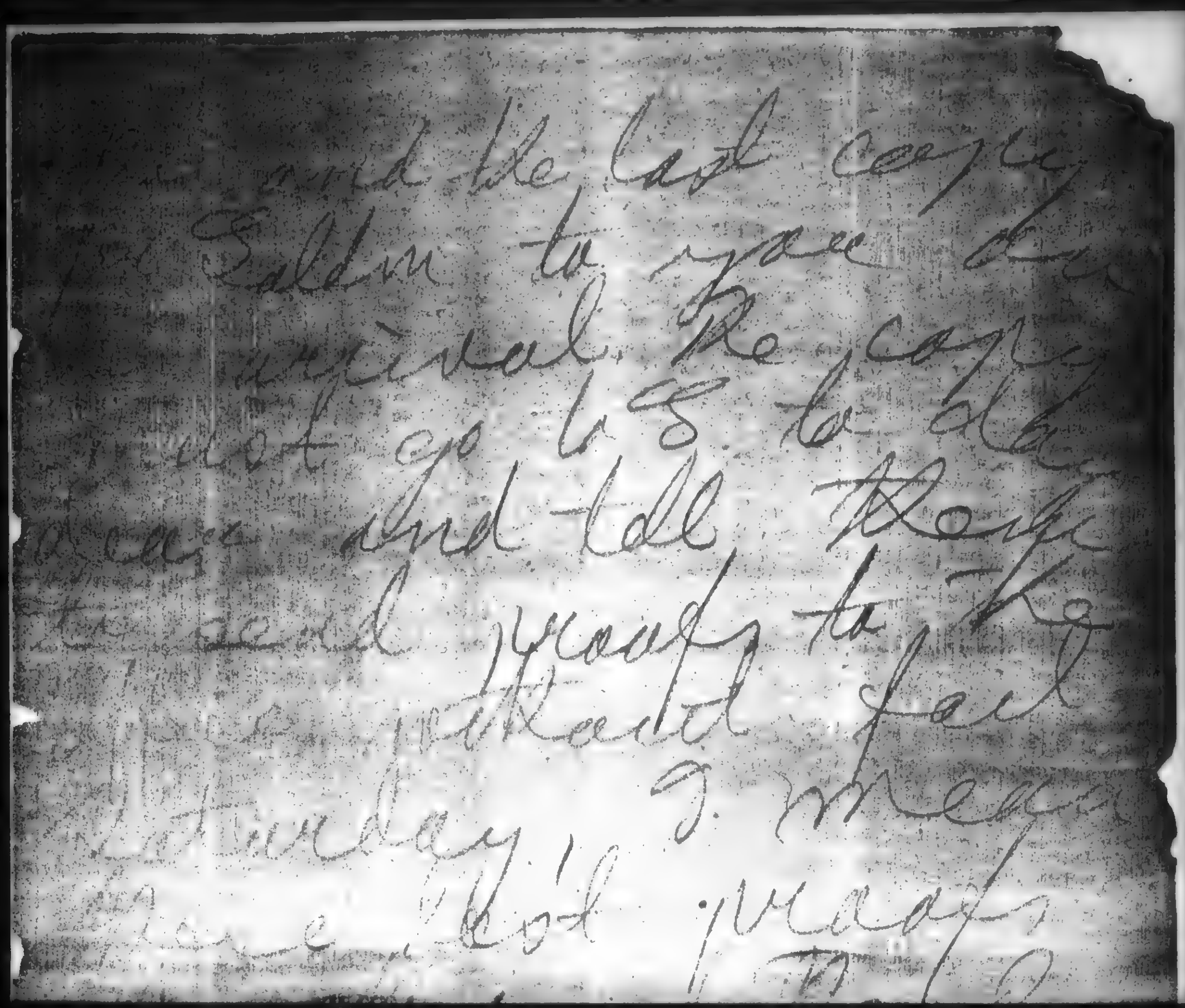

and the last copy
Salem to your
original. Be careful
not go to the
Post and tell Roff
to send yours to Roff
Wheeler & Wilson fall
Thursday & wrap
the letter [illegible]

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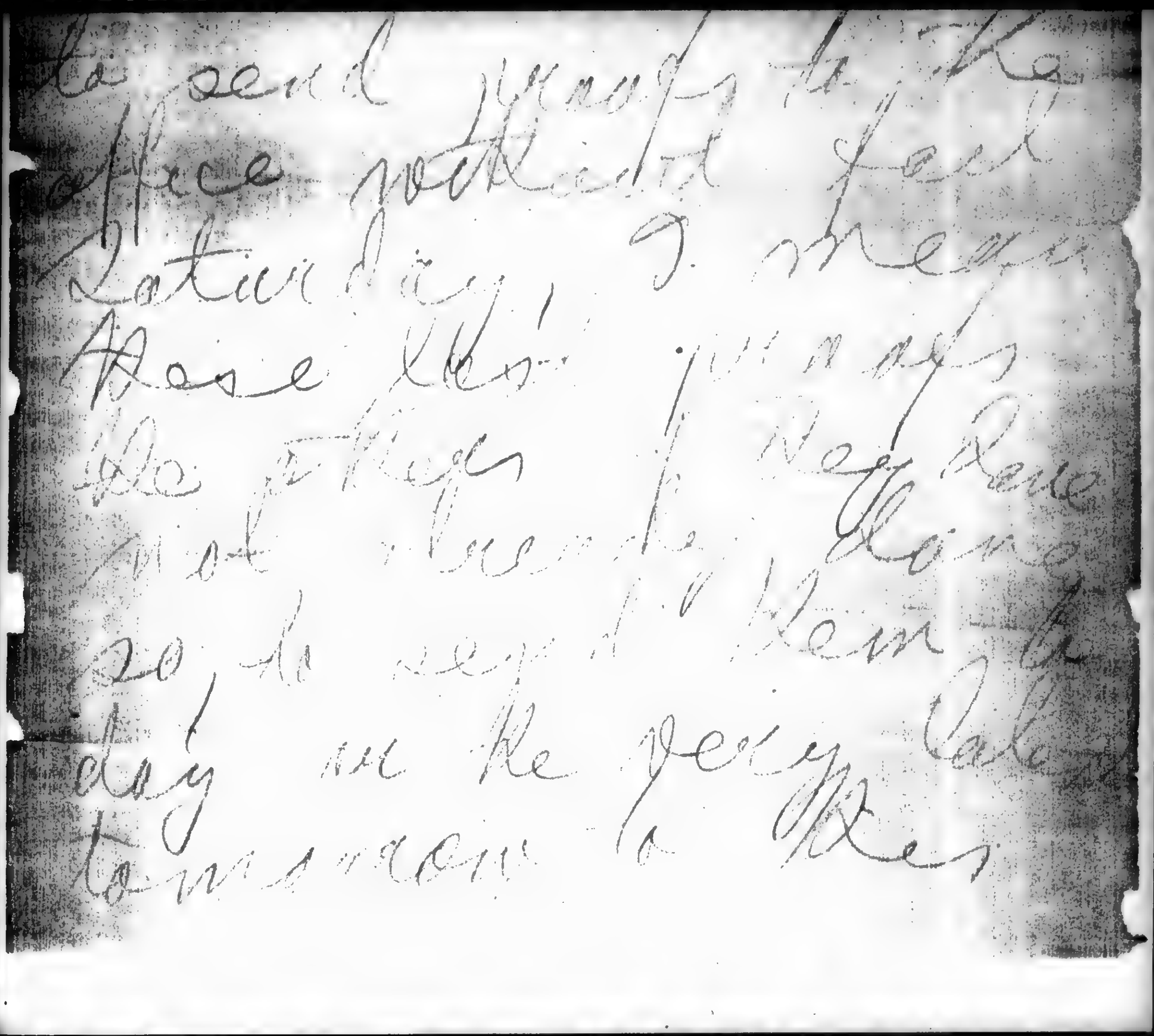

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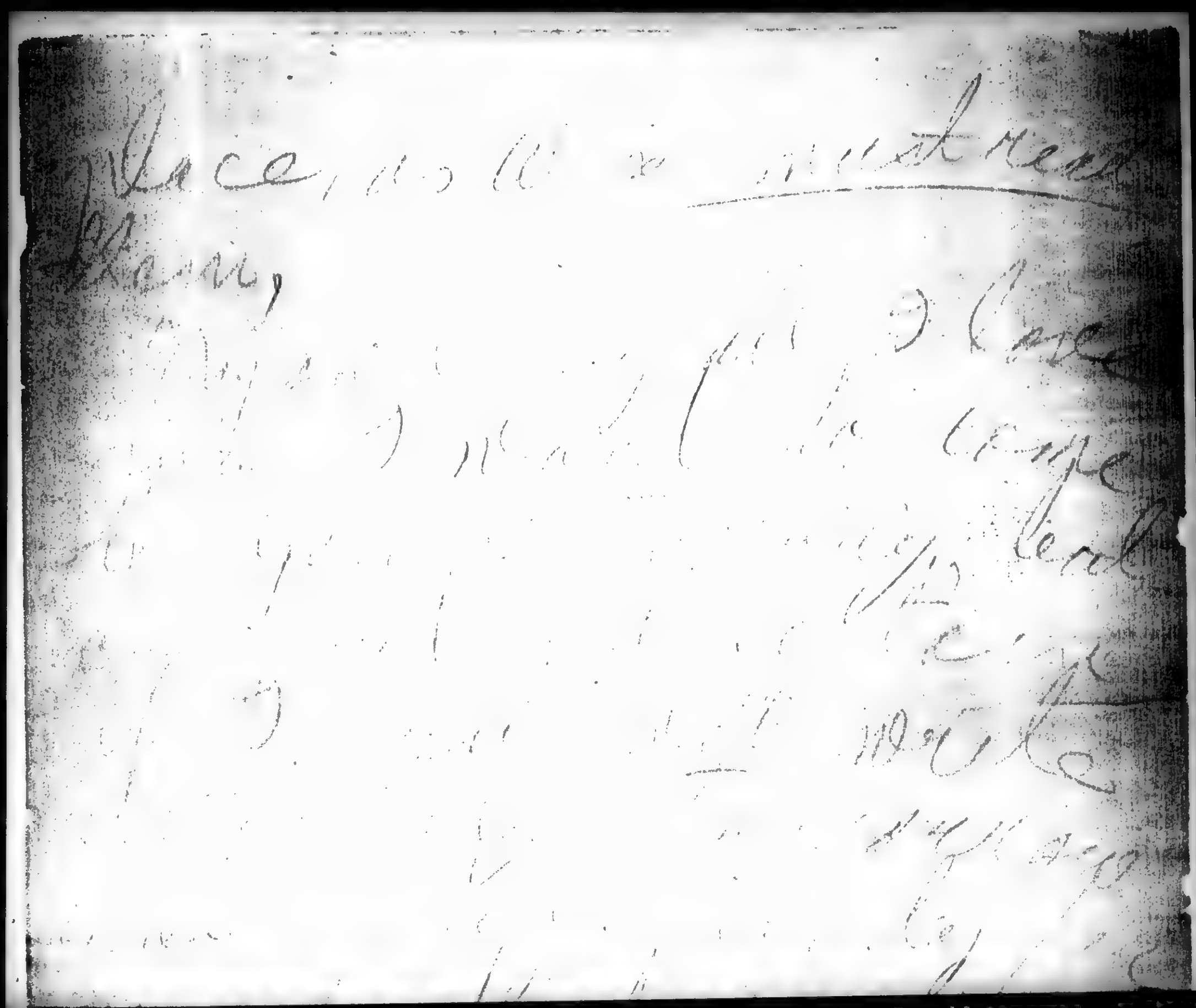

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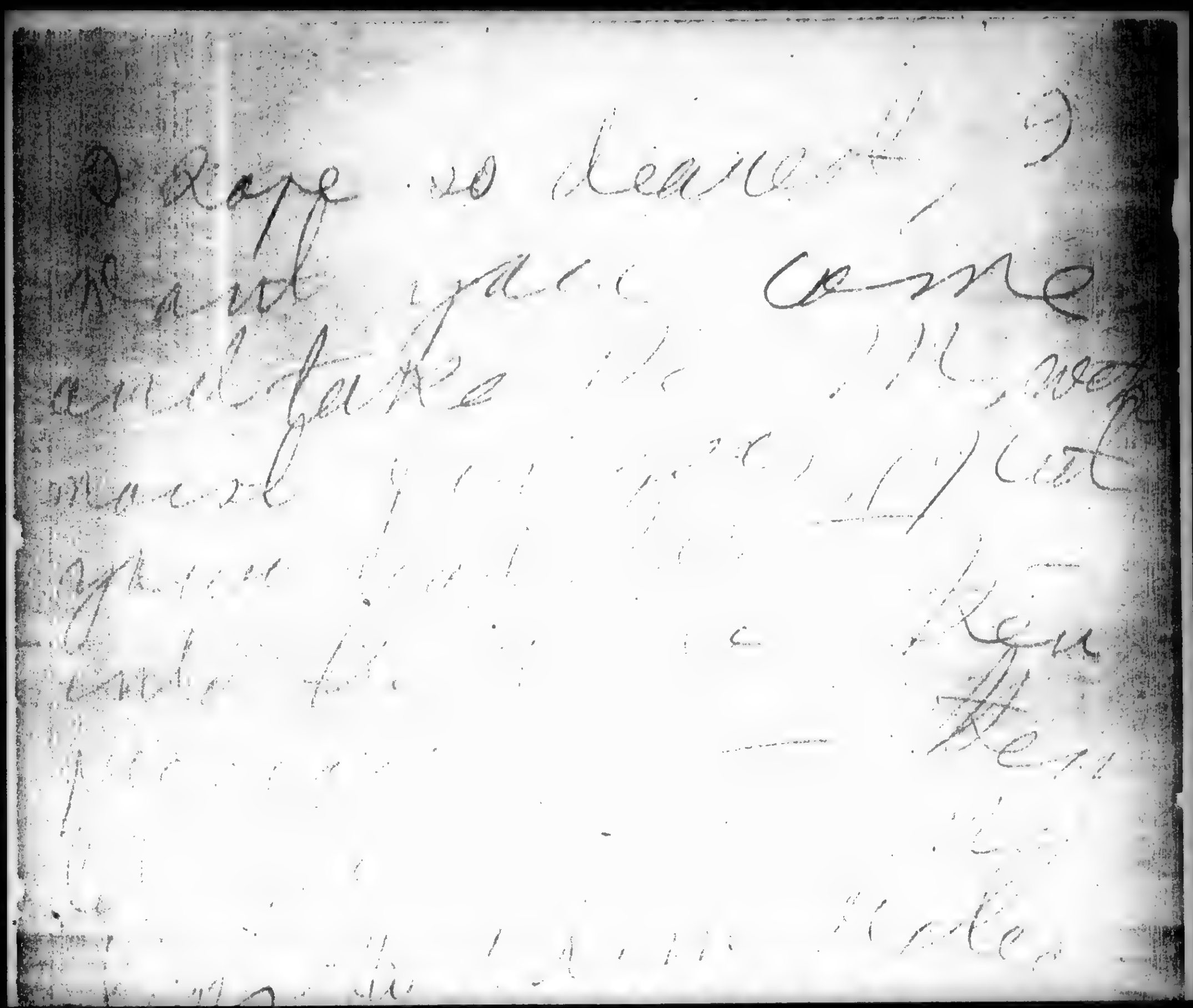

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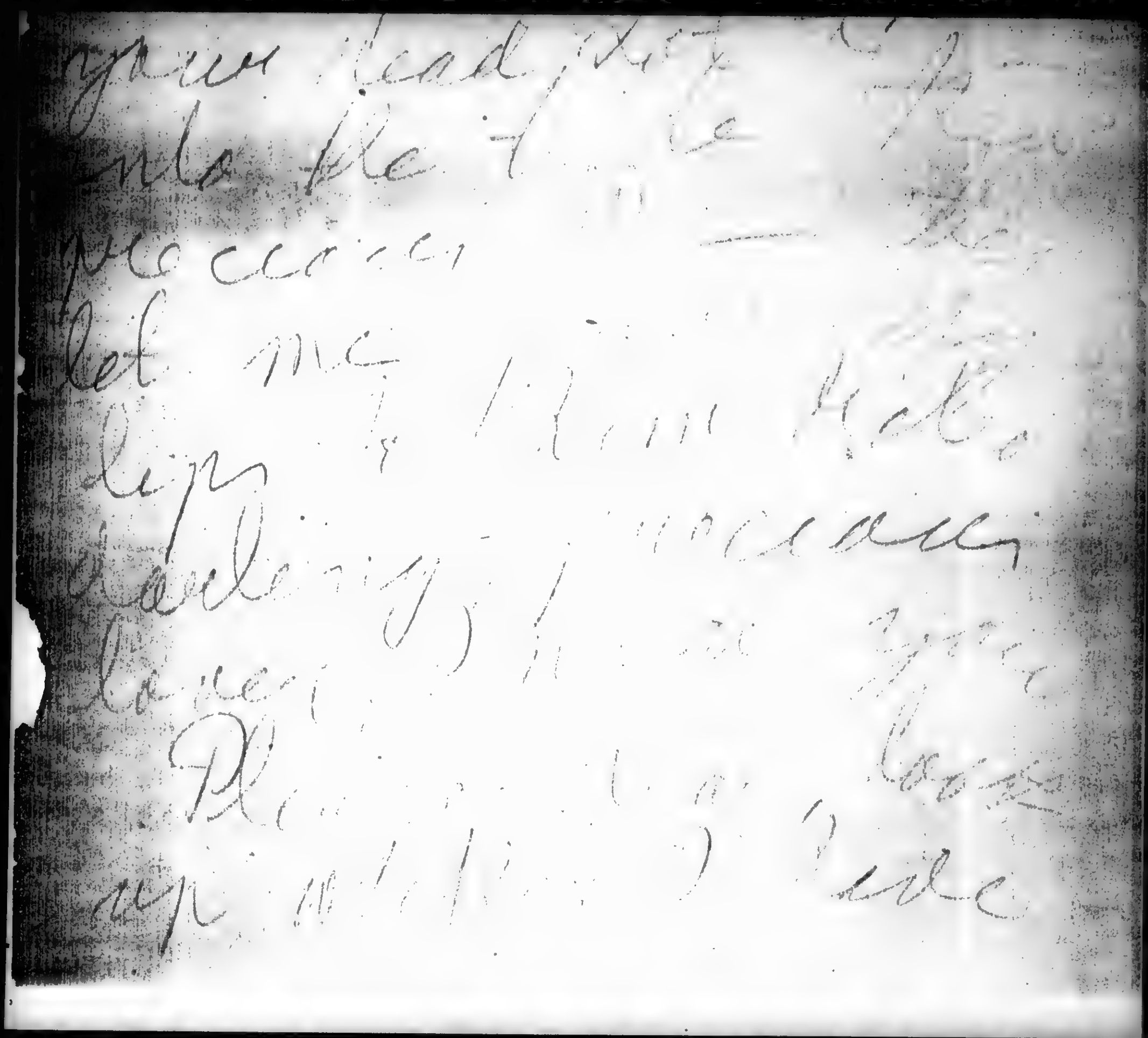

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Berger address yesterday
of mad concert. I can't
send the card, but I
must see Ben. Dear Ben
Made me a large
dollar of love to
dear Ben. I miss you
and think close and

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Made me glad
letter of love to
day I am happy
I press you to
my body close yet
my dear lover my be
I embrace you
tenderly tenderly the
you my all, my only love
Manuela

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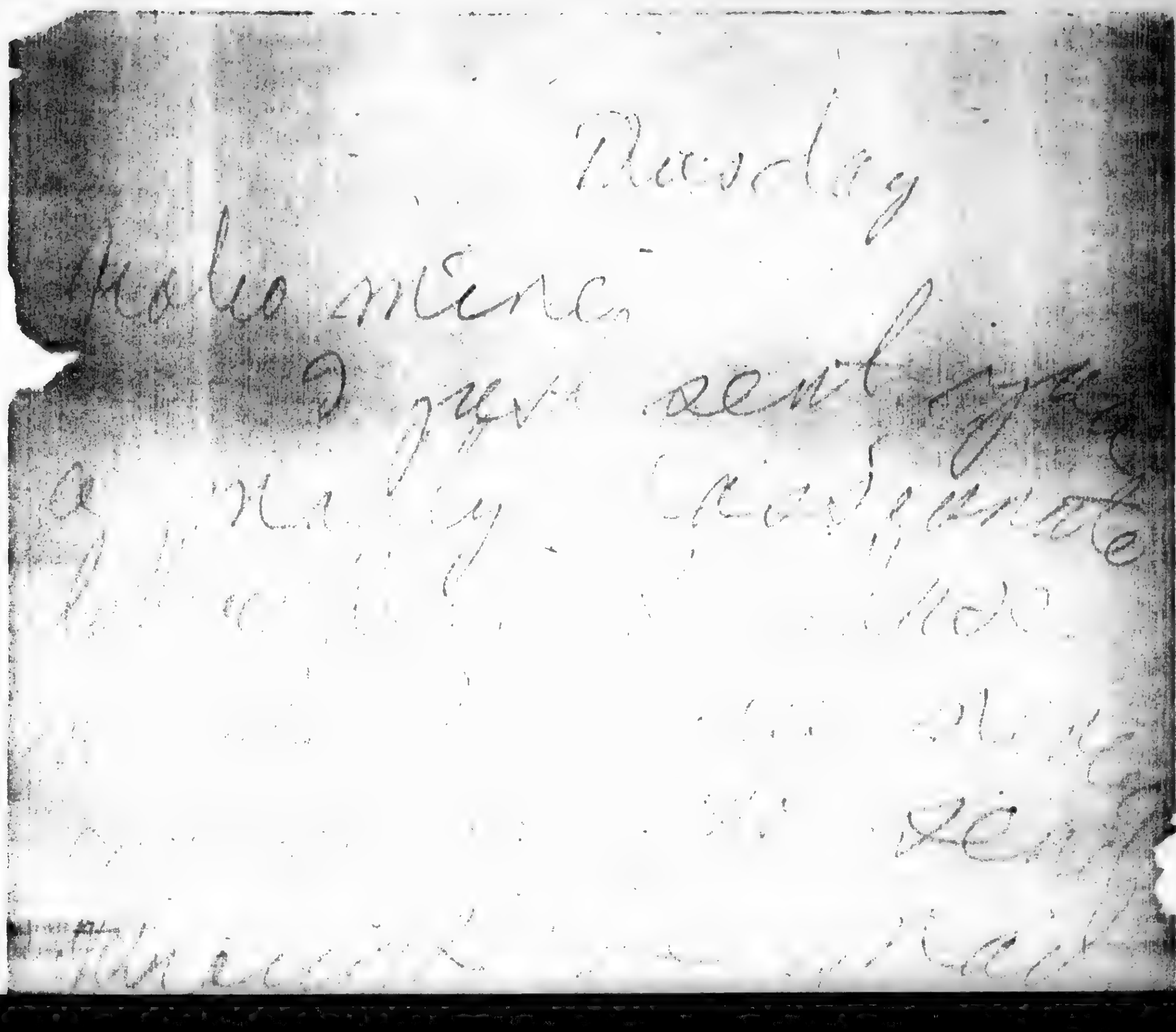

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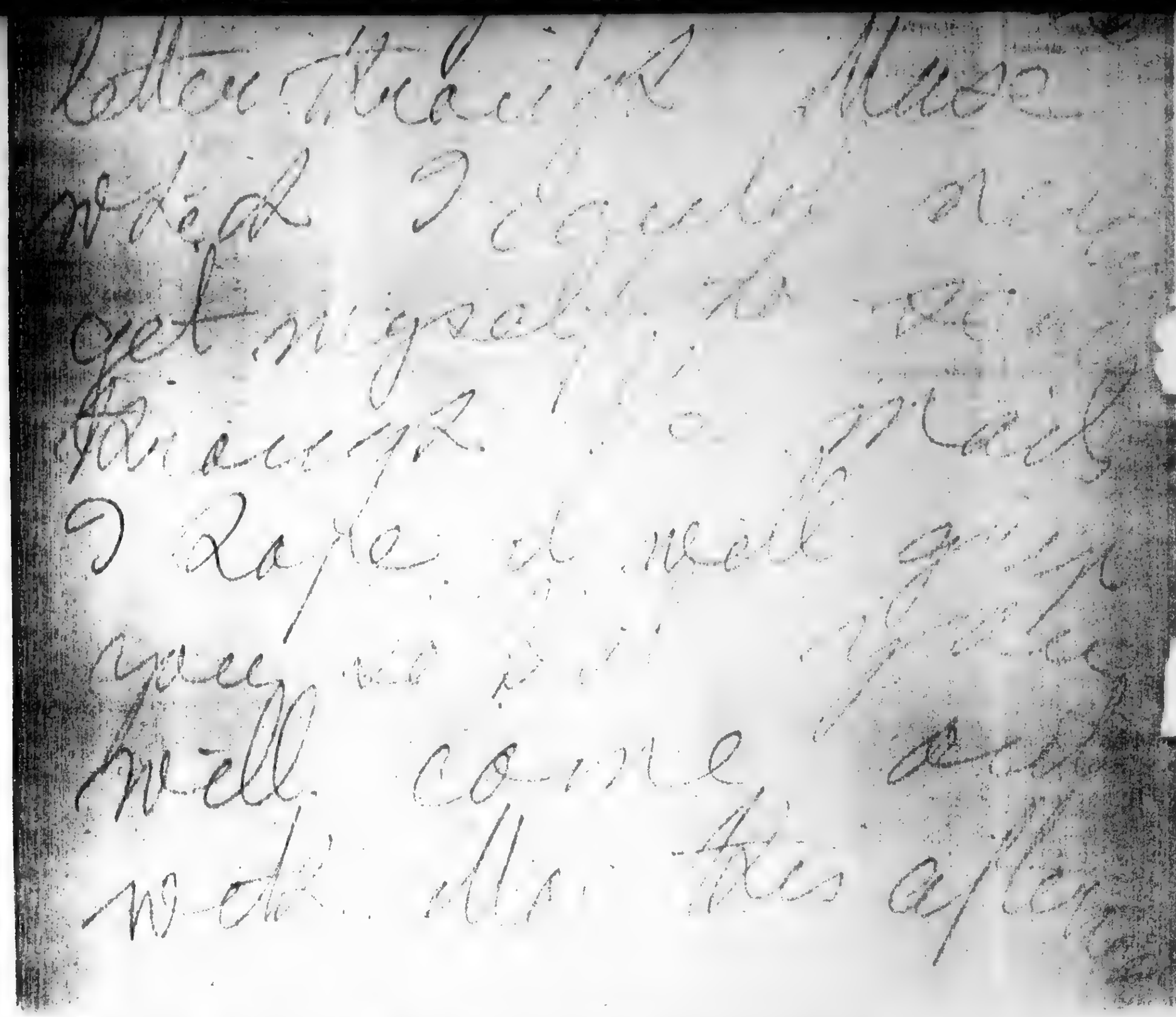

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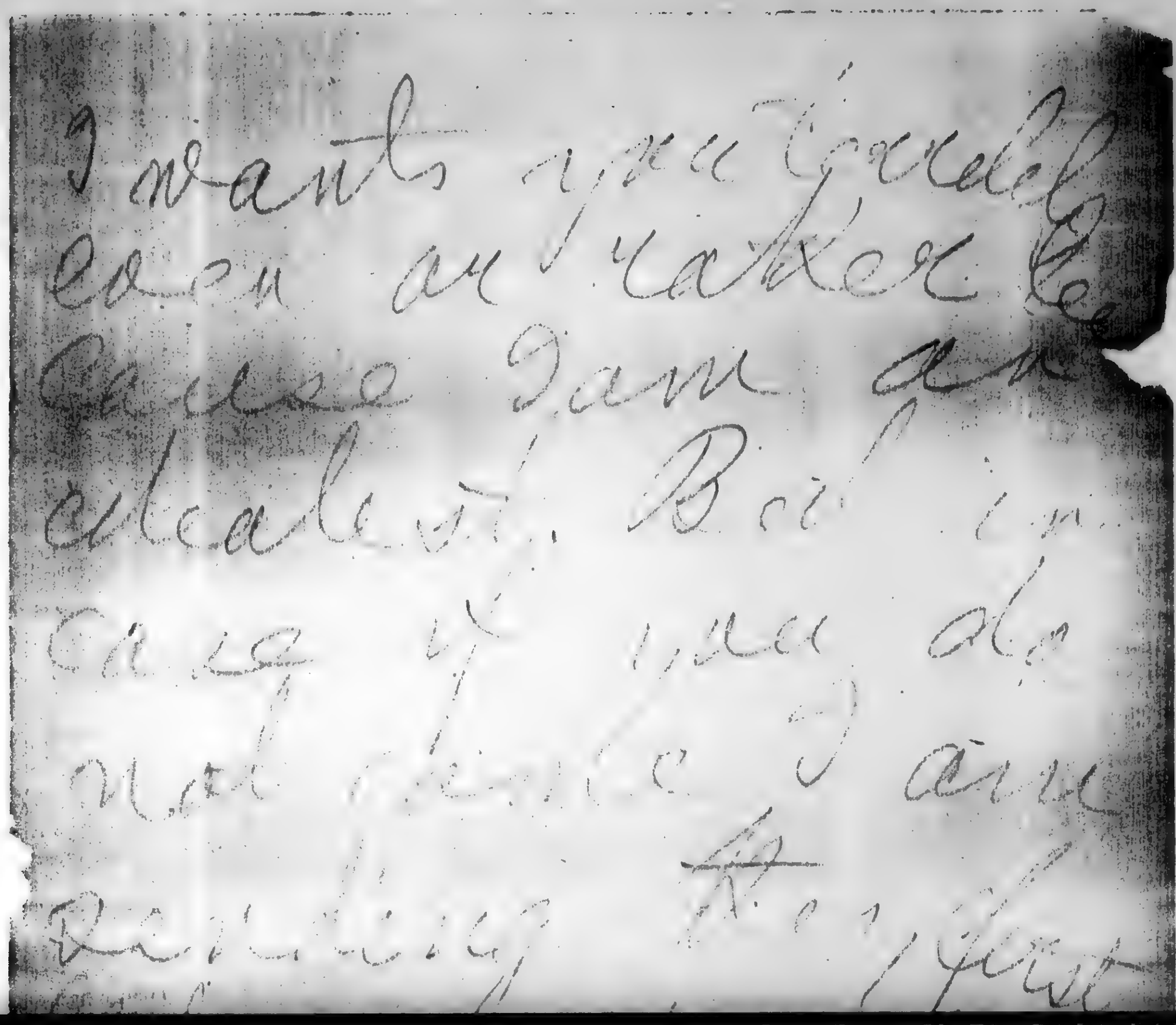

I wants you yourself
down at Parker's
Cause I am sure
that Bill is
a lot of lies and
not believe I am
Bothering ~~you~~ you

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care if you do
not come I go
sending this letter
let you may know
I love you and
security to unfit
yourself keep it

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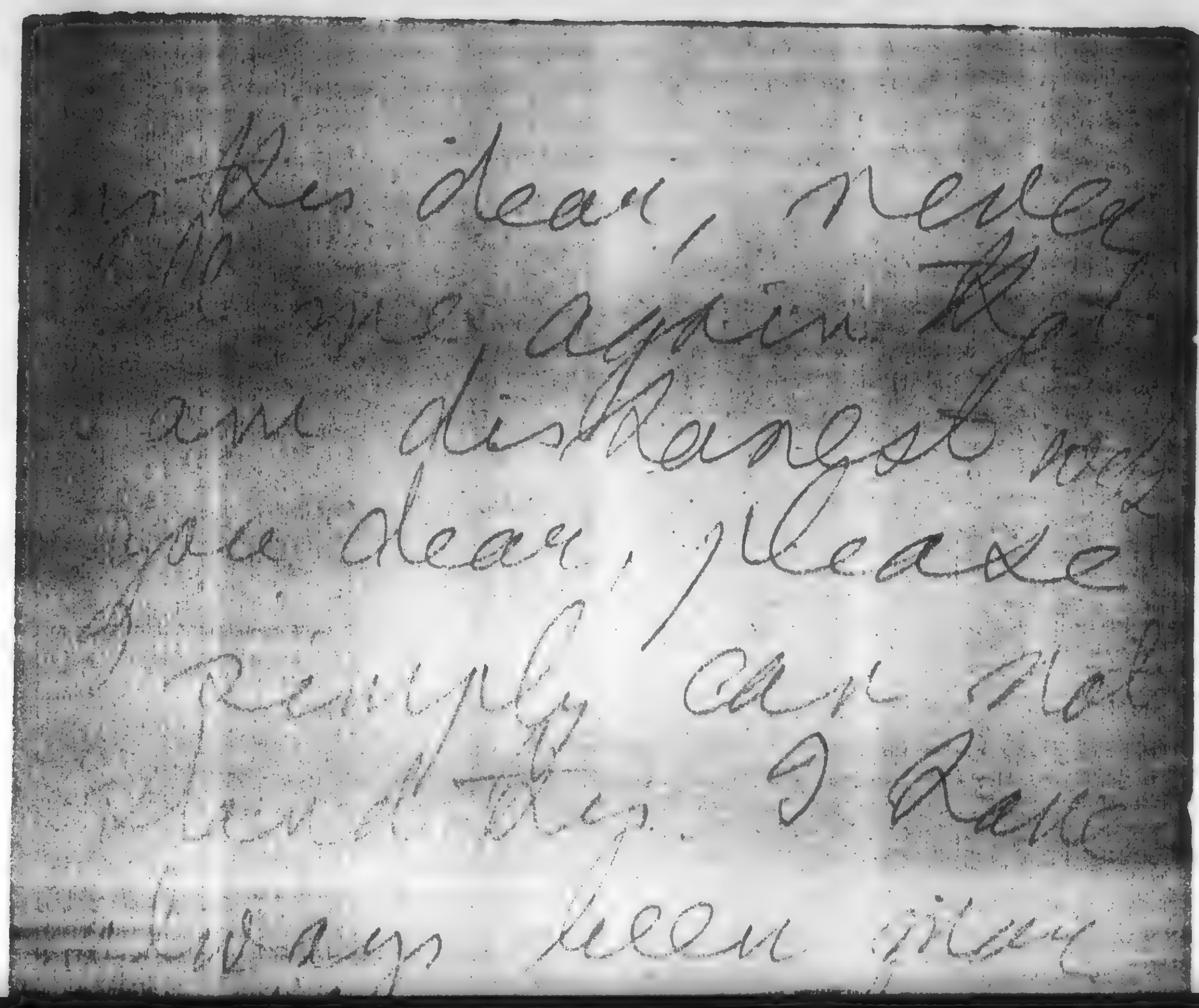

Mr. Ben dear, never
mind, again that
I am disappointed my
dear dear, please
don't be angry, am not
worth it. I have
always been sincere

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Simply can't
stand the
always been gran
bly sensitive
with my Rages
Here is only a
other Rumble

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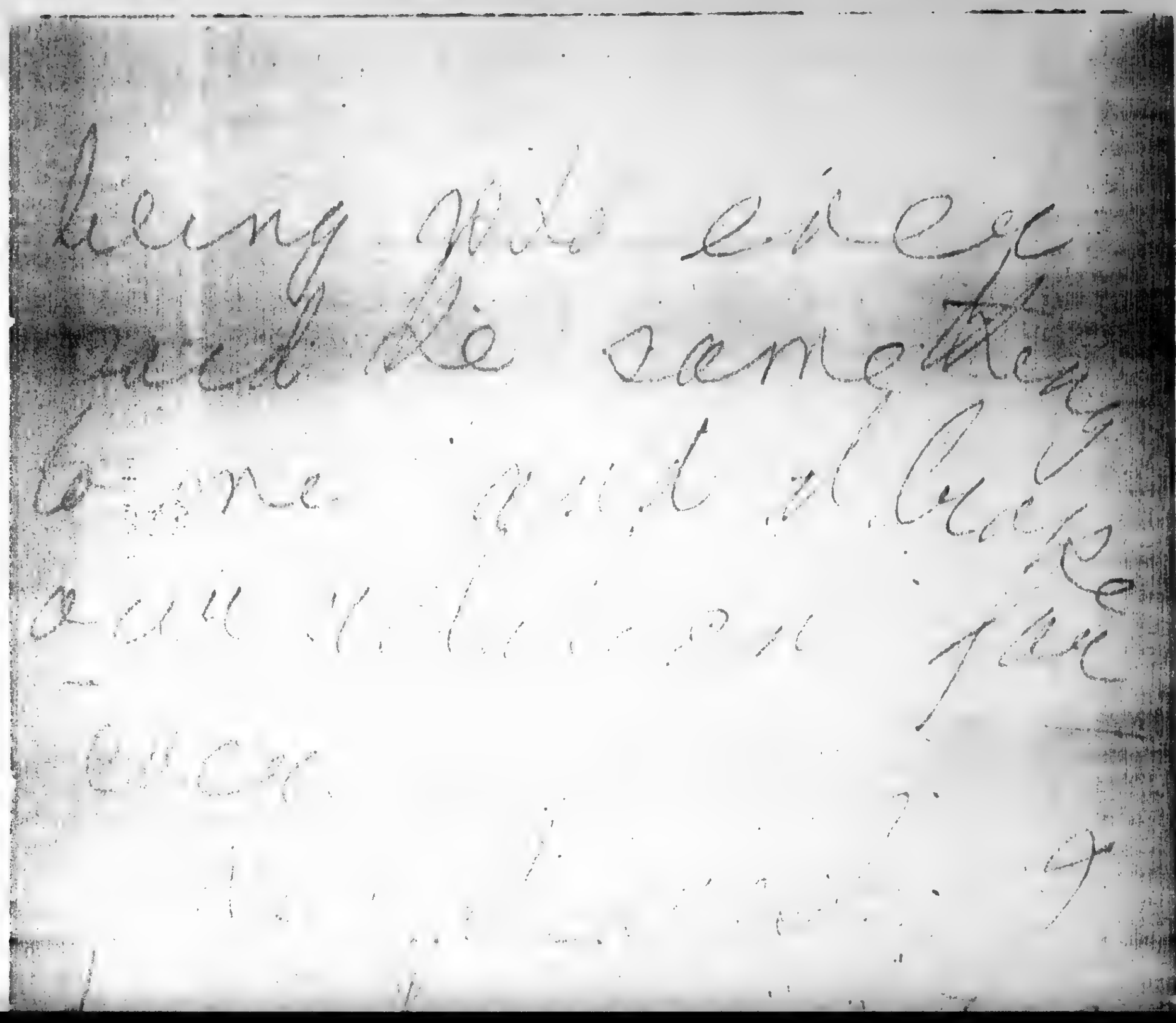

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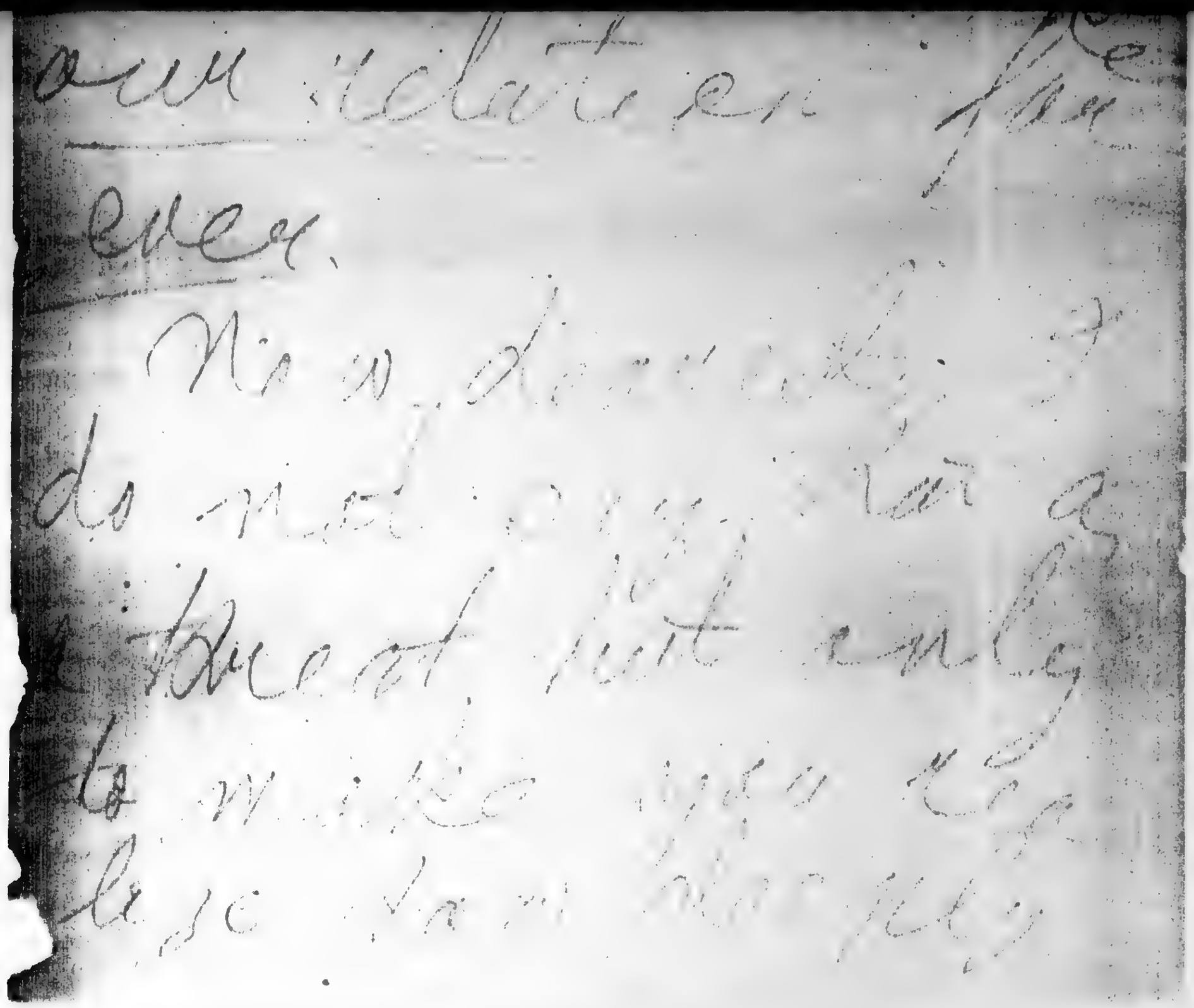

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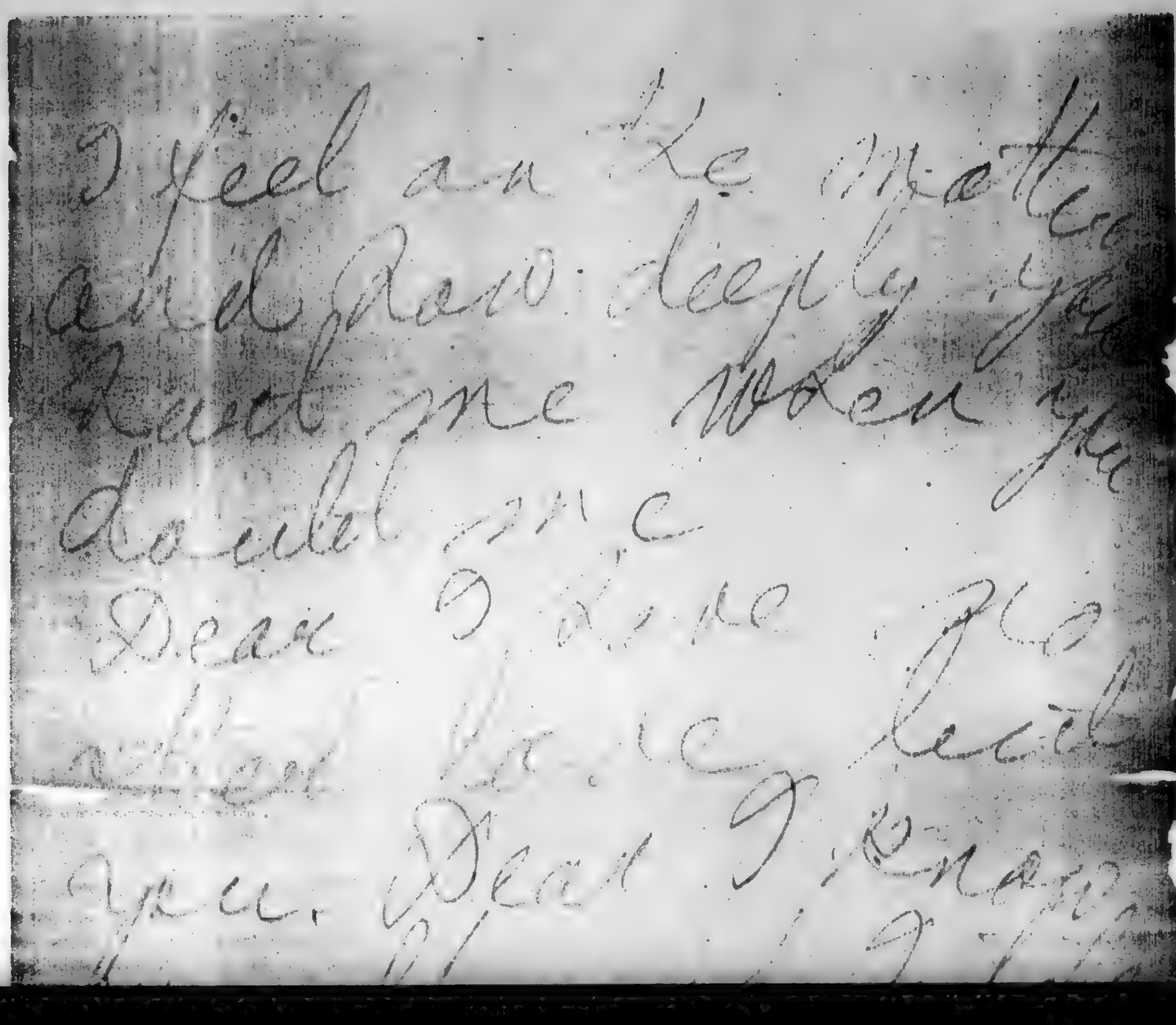

I feel as the matter
with Ben. Let's
receive me when you
double me
Dear I have go
when I see Lucile
you. Dear Emma
I feel

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Dear I have
Alex. I have
you. Dear I know
myself and I don't
see that possibly
have a chance
me, is only me

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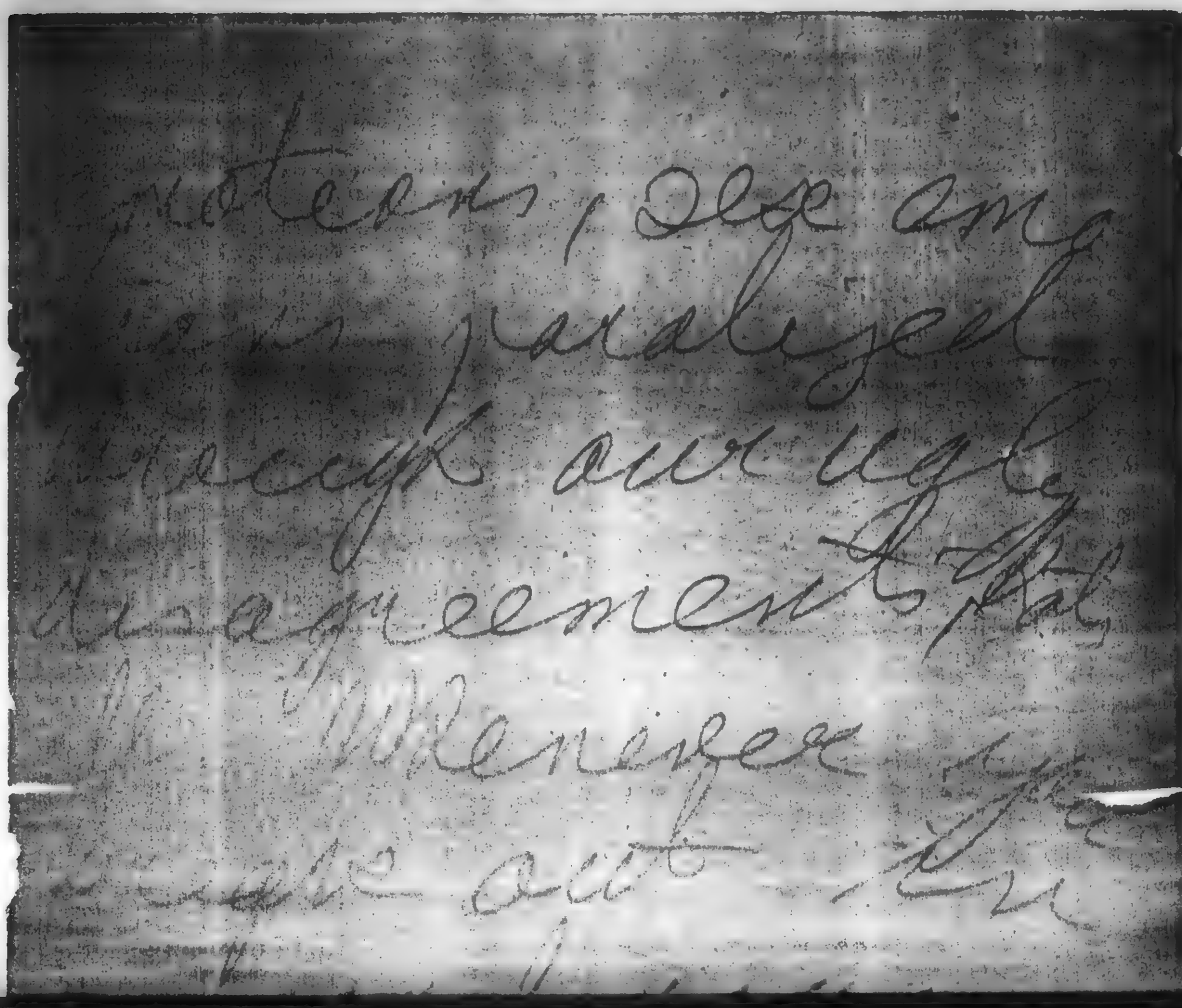

Matters, I see am
paralyzed
myself and legs
disagreements that
Milwaukee the
made out. I'm

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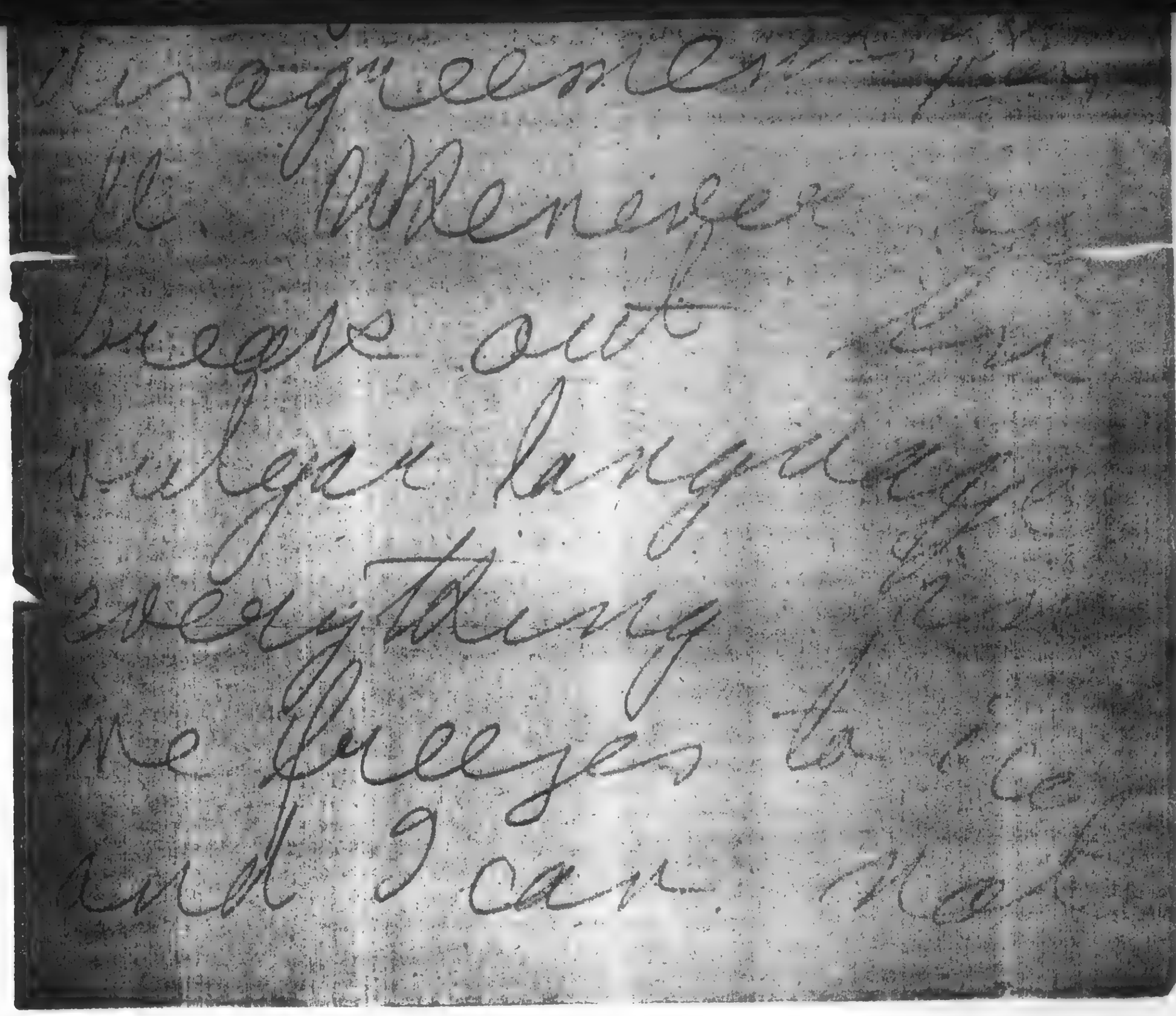

This agreement is
to Reitman
begins out
vulgar language
everything
me freezes to
and I can
read

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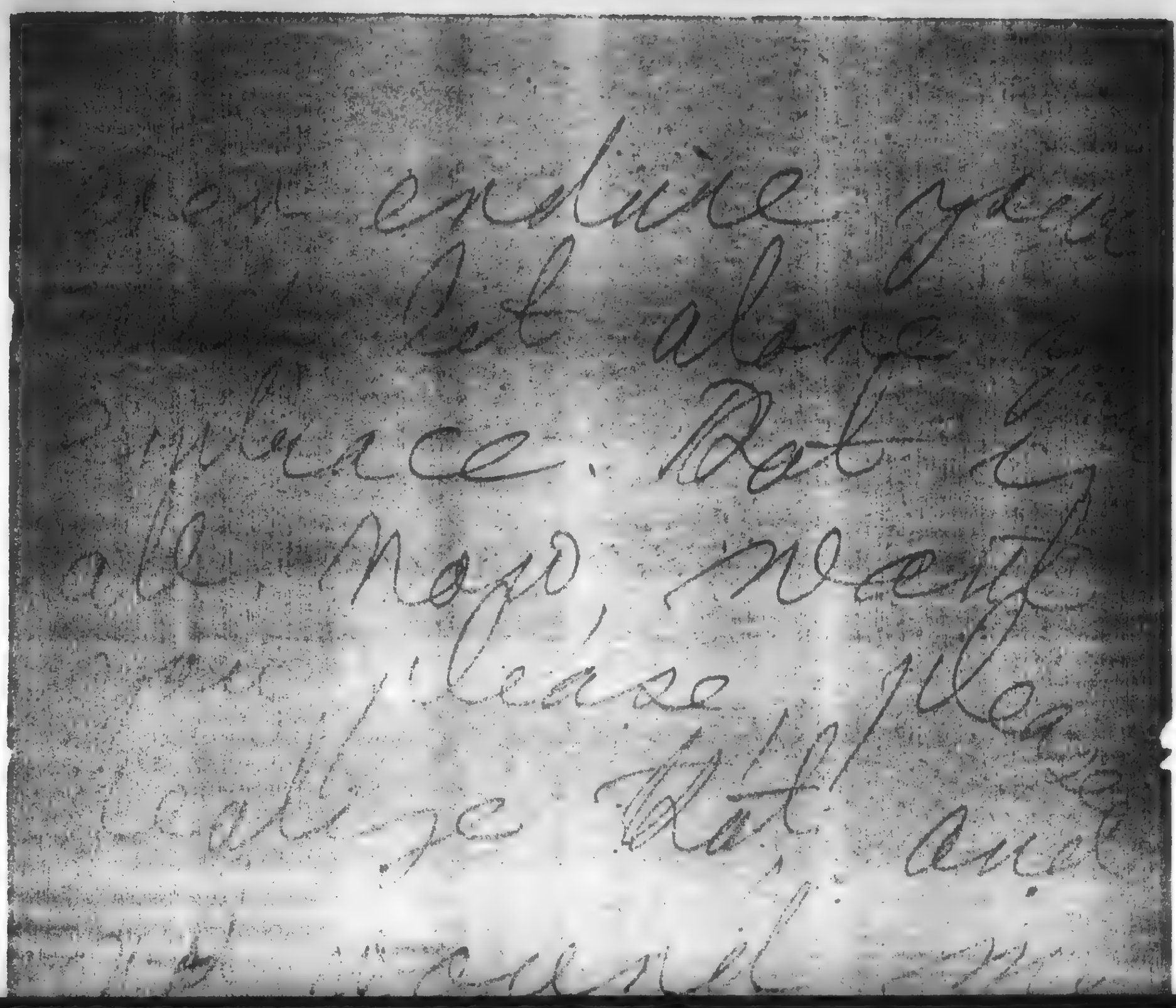
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not alone
influence. Rot &
ble, now, needs
[illegible] please
realize that, and
[illegible]

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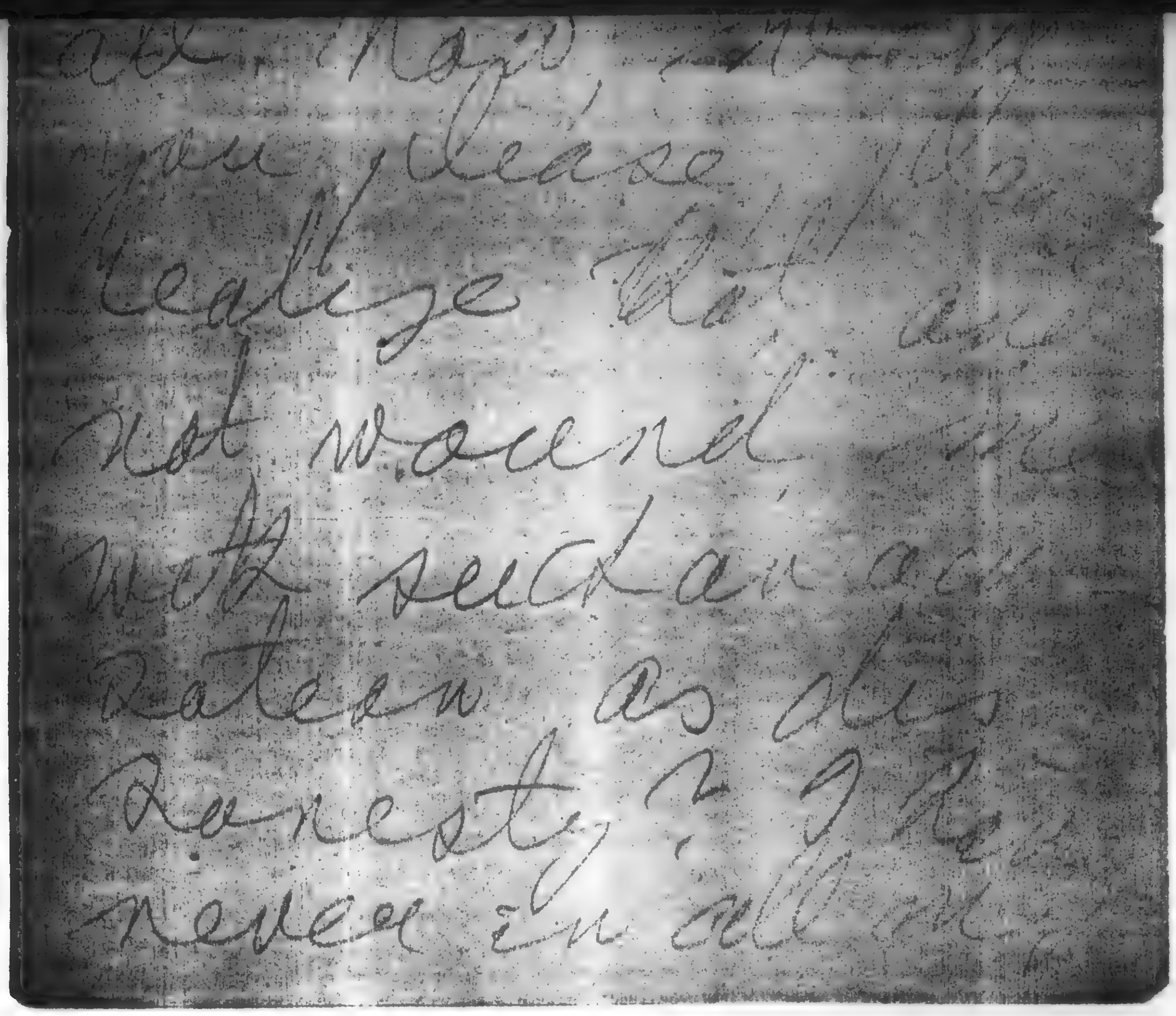

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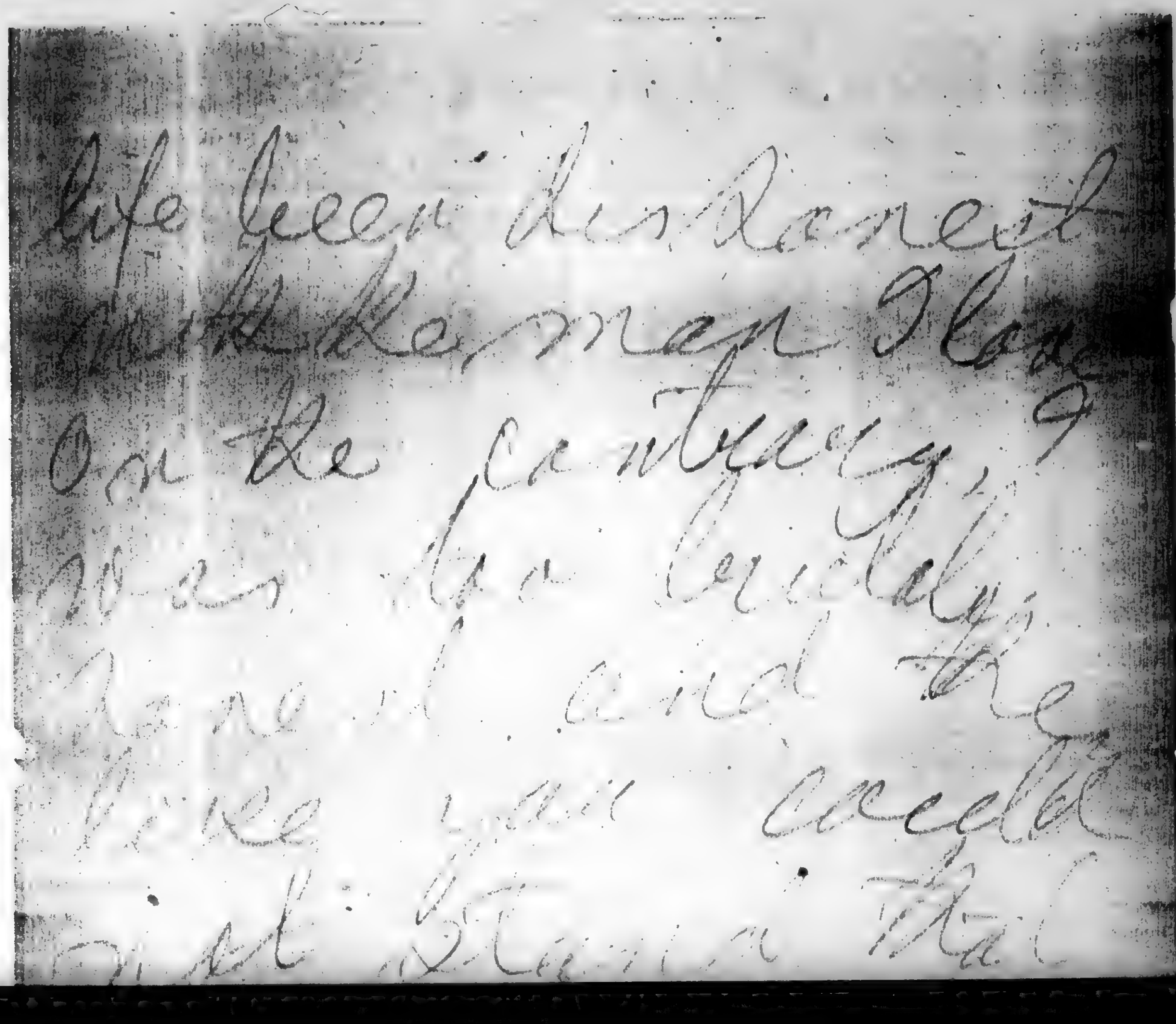

life been disclosed
with the Emma Goldman
on the country,
was for certain
have not the
time yet needed
first steps that

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was the cause
honest and the
like you could
not stand that
Dearest, Dearest
Sorry, but I
business is business
to be first necessary

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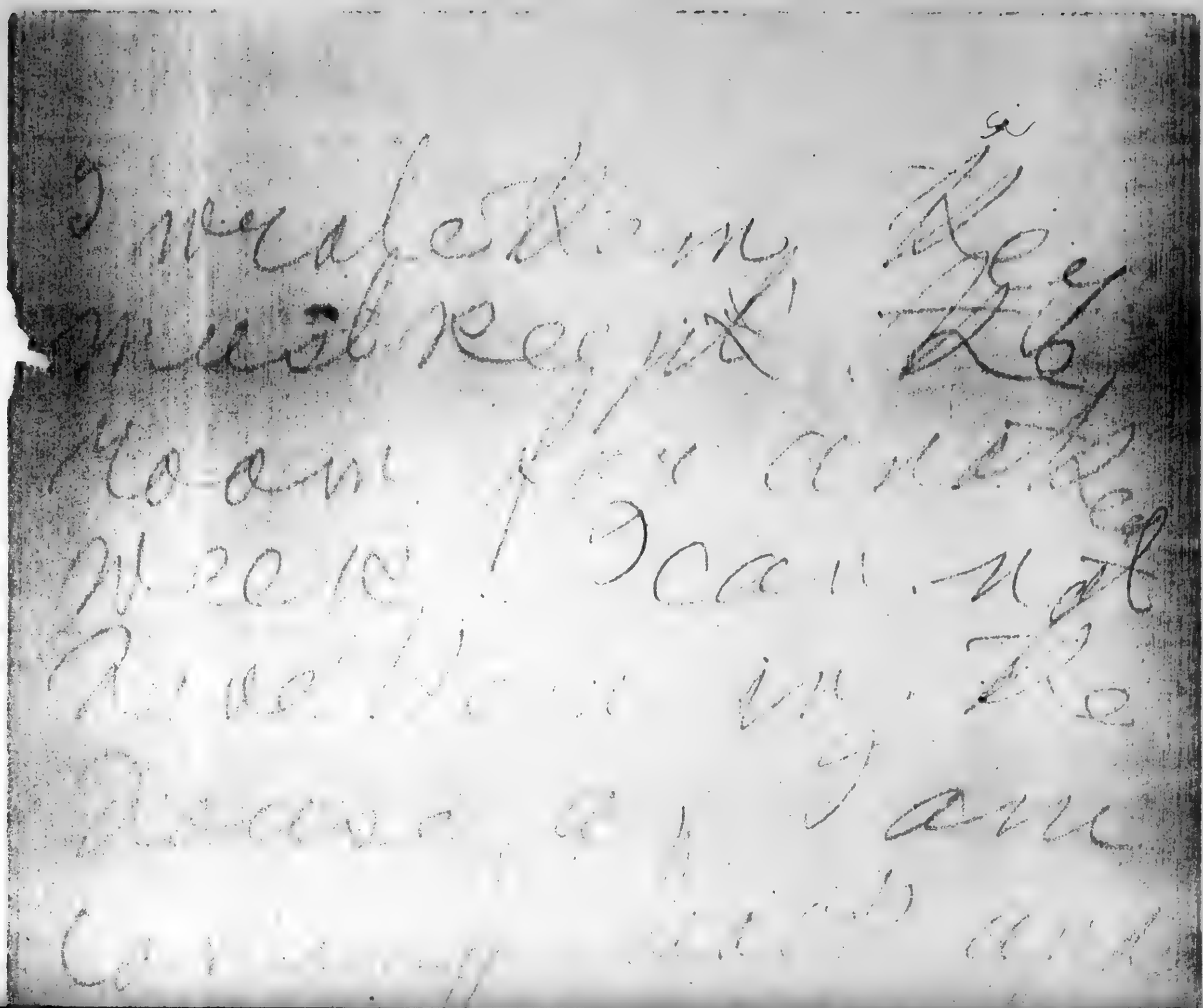

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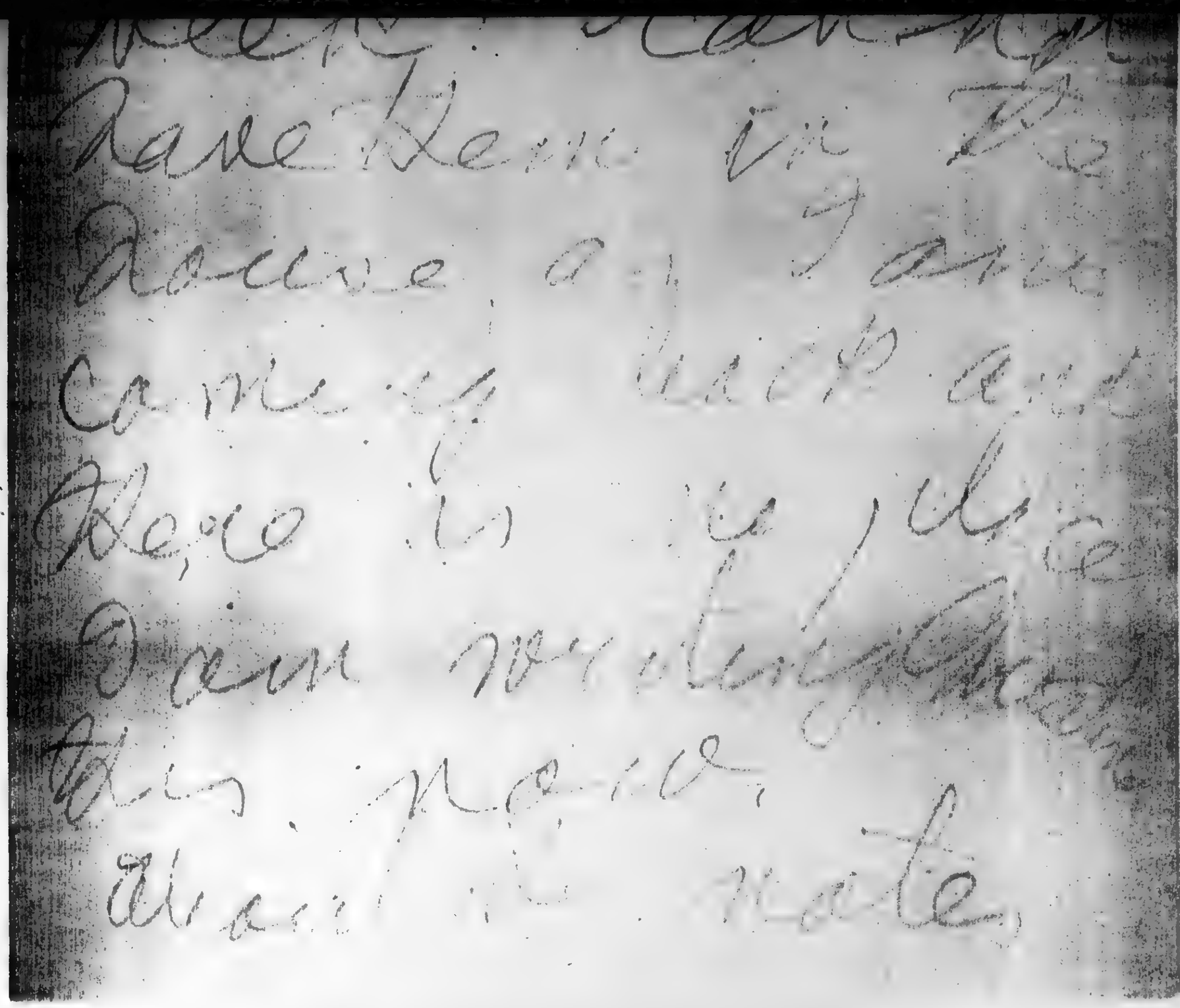

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for me & me will
take Mon. the
meal day, that
if it will go in
if I could get a free
the market take
it [illegible] I will

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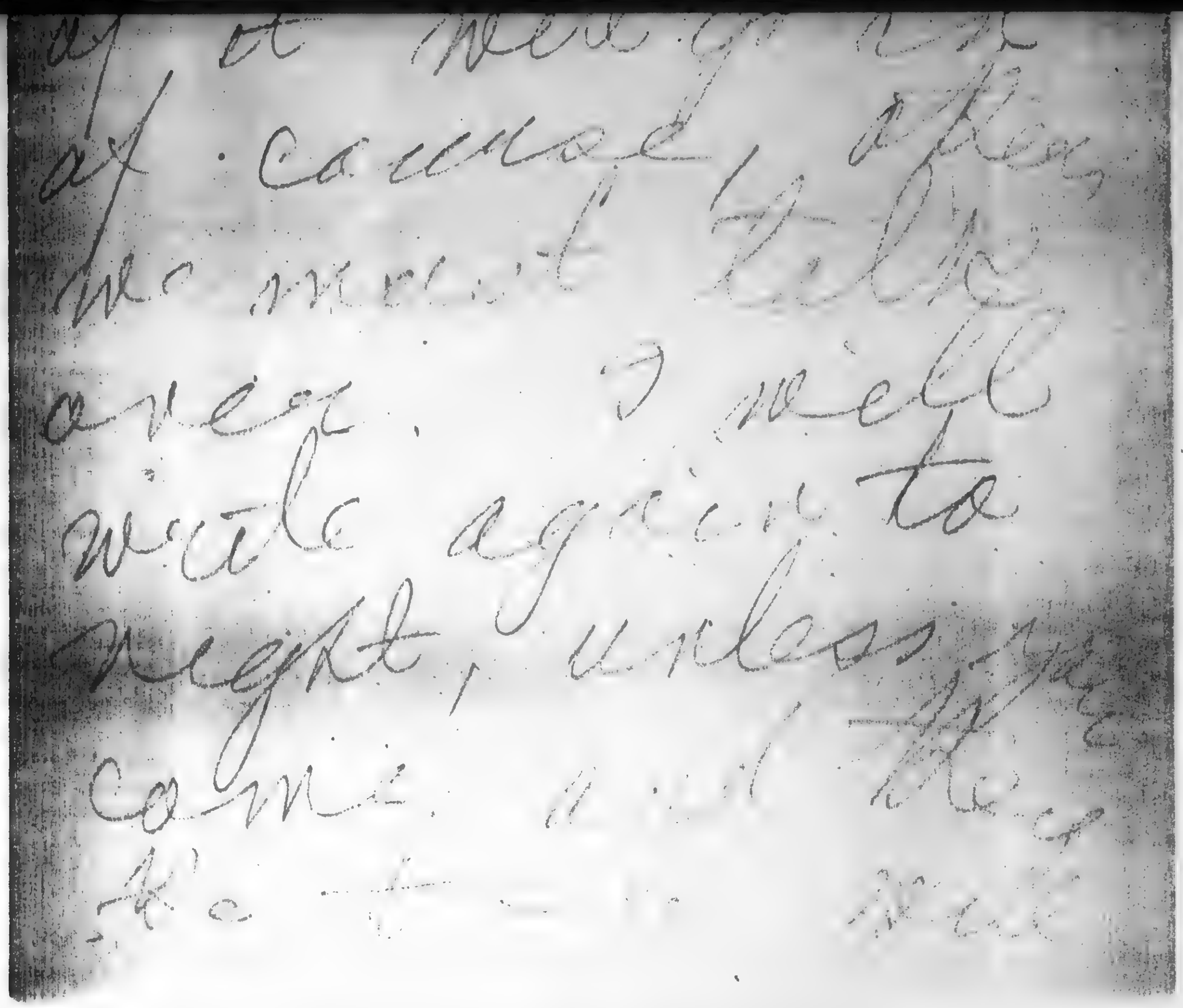

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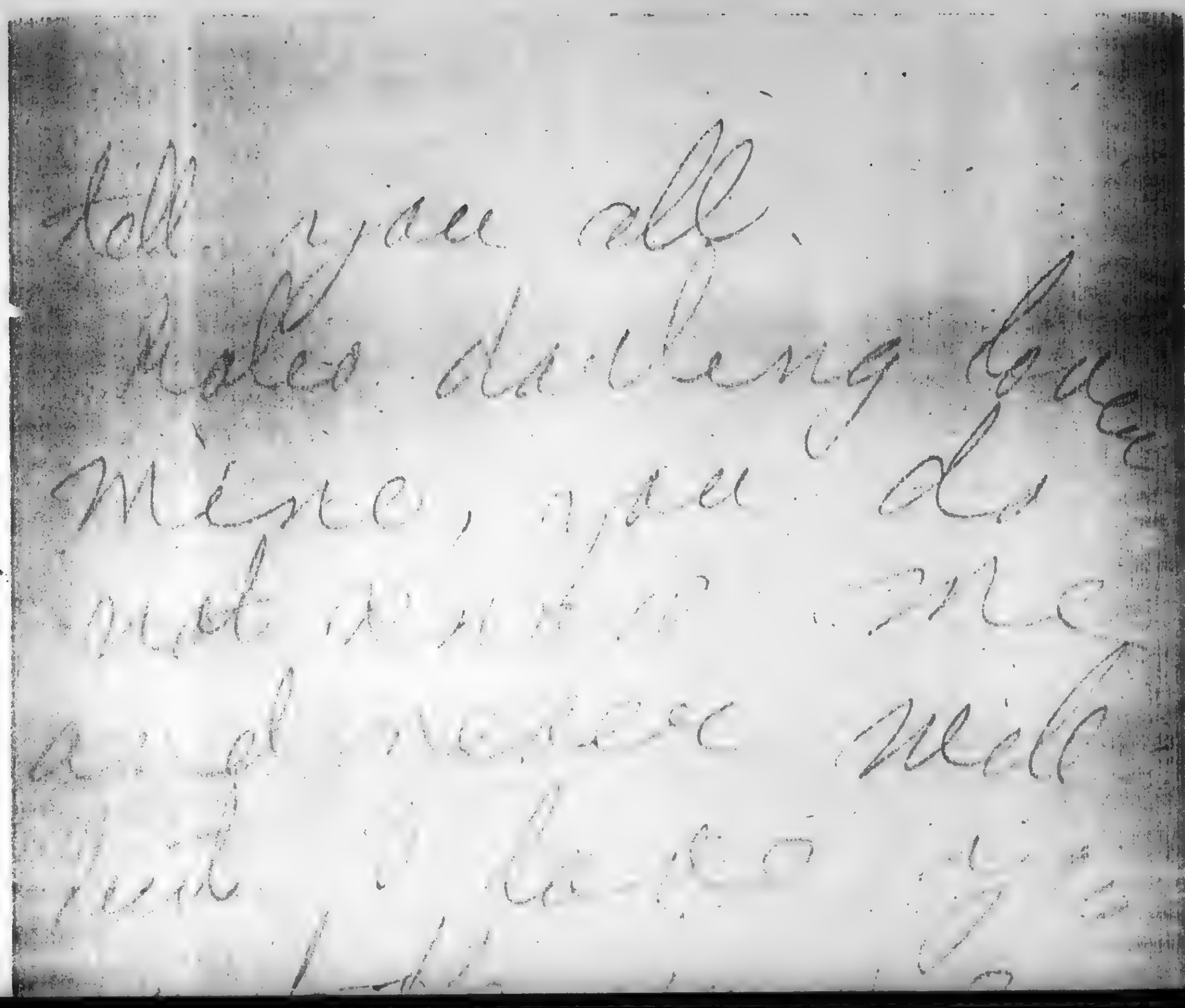

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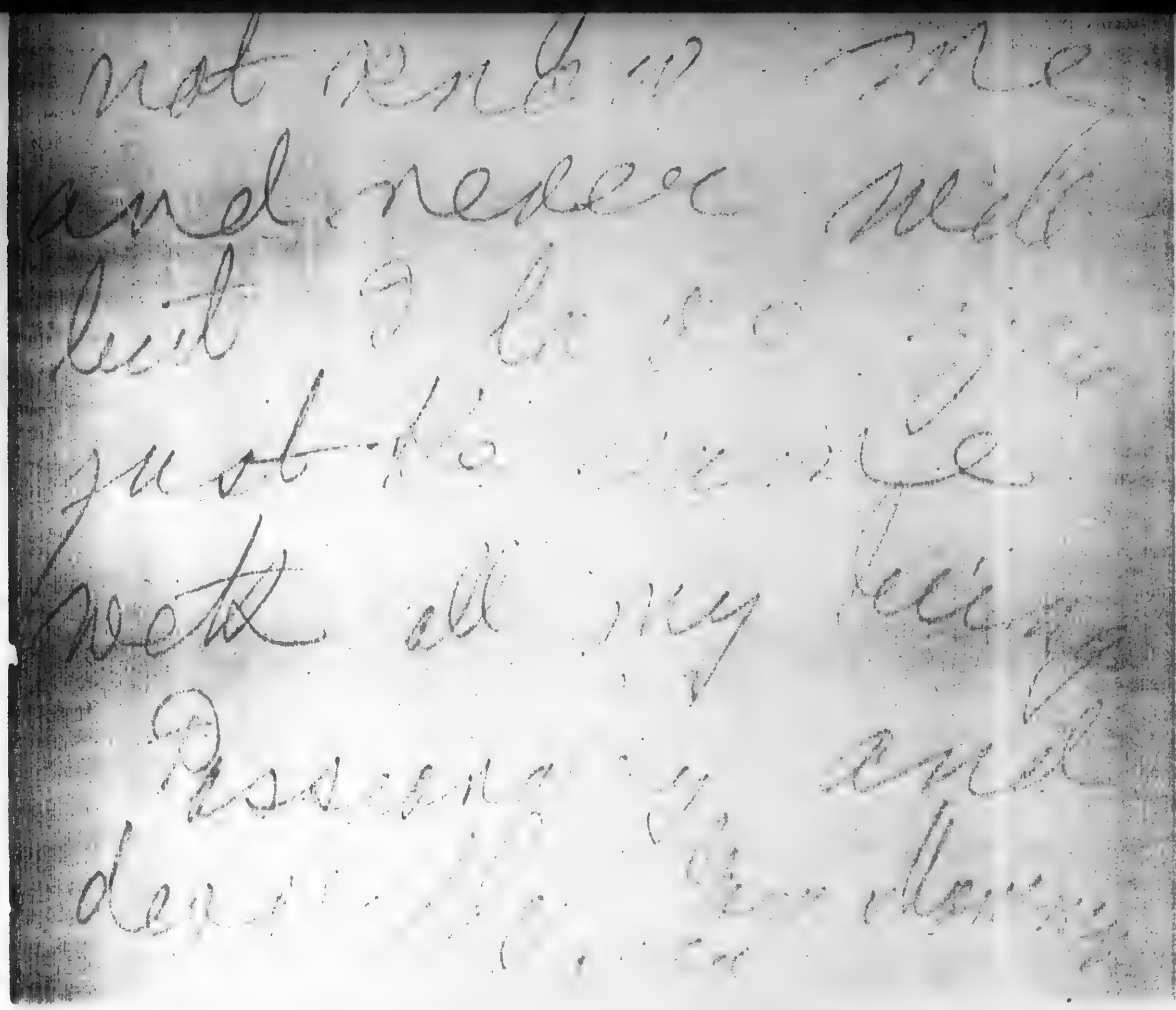

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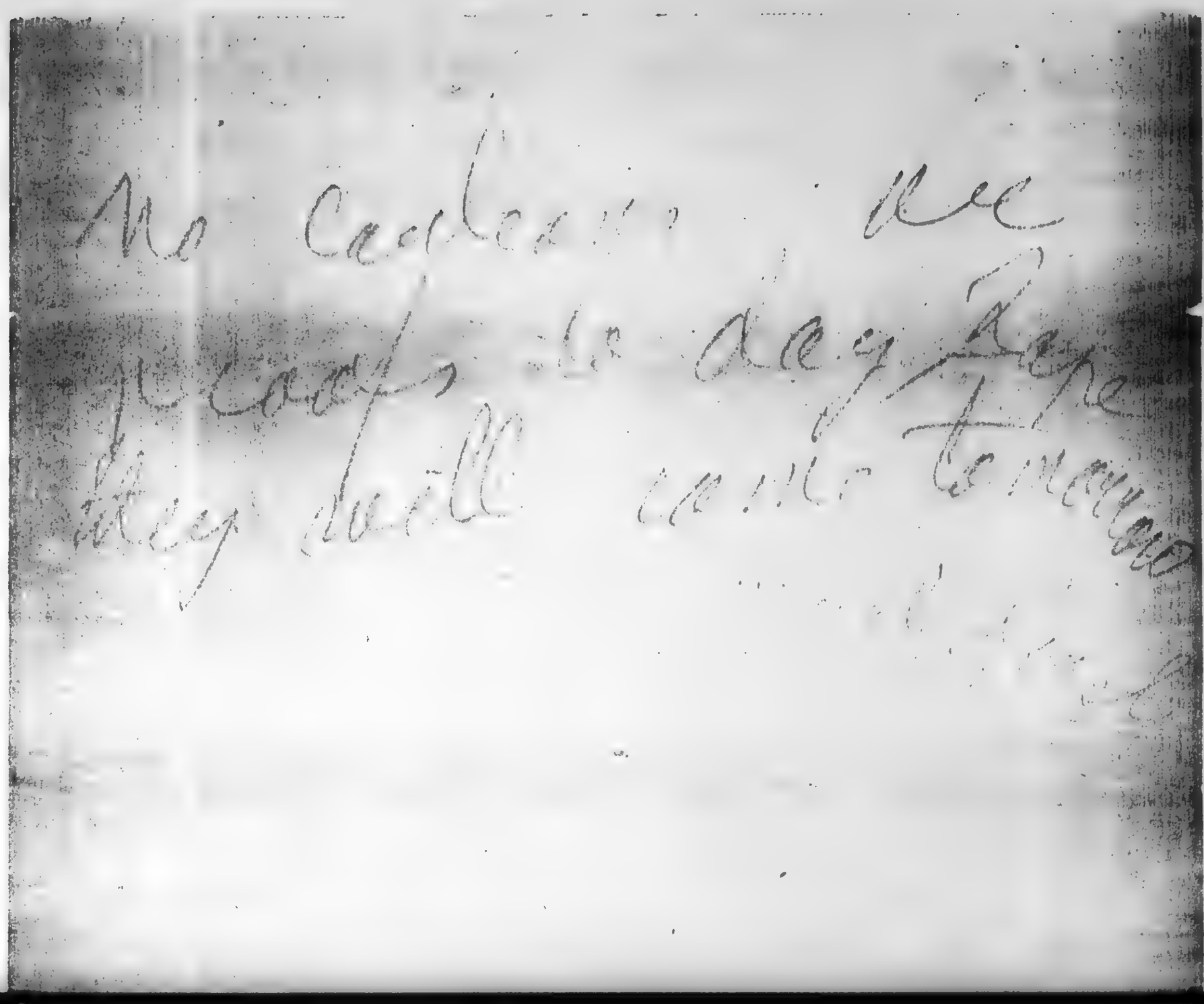

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Thursday, 11.30 a.m.

My dear, my all.
I am so sorry I
infected you with my mood
but what am I to do?
Surely you do not want
me to pretend my
state of mind. Can you
my soul? I have
you Rates with all
the passion of my
being but I should
have to hide my state
of mind from you
simply could not
endure it.

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Do not worry, dear Ben, I will be all right, just have faith in my love and all will be well.
There is a passage in your letter which cool me like a knife "If I were only economically independent" Do you mean to say you are in M^rs office and do the work because you are

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not independent, I decide
not that dear?
Dear, dear Kolya I do
want you to be easy
of mind, I am coming
tomorrow full of
love for you, with
kiss, M — and he
I — is ready to give
you. I want to be
on with kiss to
Dear messes to
bathe upon to love
I want to be close
to you, my darling

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Ben, I want to forget the whole world in your arms. Dearest, I have answered the inclosed letter from Comrade Kelly. Do you need only send it back with $5 from your funds. I feel sick by because I'm home.

Re 20c from Comrel in for the registration of PM CE rollers up which we sent

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That way at her request
by B.L. way did
you send Blackwell
Dr Mr? I am glad
you had such a
success at Rutgers
square but sorry
not have sent the
money some other
Maybe later in Sept
I will speak to S.D. I can
not now.
Cannot call up
Mr G. Walker and

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asp Rim for the
address of Ryan
Walker, Ed is an
he surprise least
I must see Rim
anent same dum
fun please
I have Ned Tran
Tomorrow Rousseau
will call for me
I will go through
to the flat, well
you come here
8.30 if you can
I wait Reales

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Ha, go in the bath tub with me, that will cure all ills I am sure

Hello. My very u-most love, my love, my life, I want you so. I am coming to you my darling.

Mommy

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Dearest: I received
a letter from you
today.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

I [illegible]

[illegible]

I regretted that the
letter was [illegible].

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(2)

back to this [illegible] ing
death and so must
we do [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] ding you [illegible]
[illegible] amical [illegible]
[illegible] terday. I myself
[illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] do w[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] speed
[illegible]
blind [illegible] notice
things [illegible] girl
ing from way and
has [illegible]

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(3)

love - encourage-
ment.

I feel like a spent
runner from my
terrible emotions of
the last few days.
I don't want you one

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natural and not
acquired. For I
like of me I do
not understand
[illegible]
acceptance at [illegible]
[illegible] which
by the way, have
[illegible] contact [illegible]
wards but the
women. How
I will [illegible]
[illegible]
unless you [illegible]
[illegible]
and you [illegible]
by nature [illegible]
No, [illegible]

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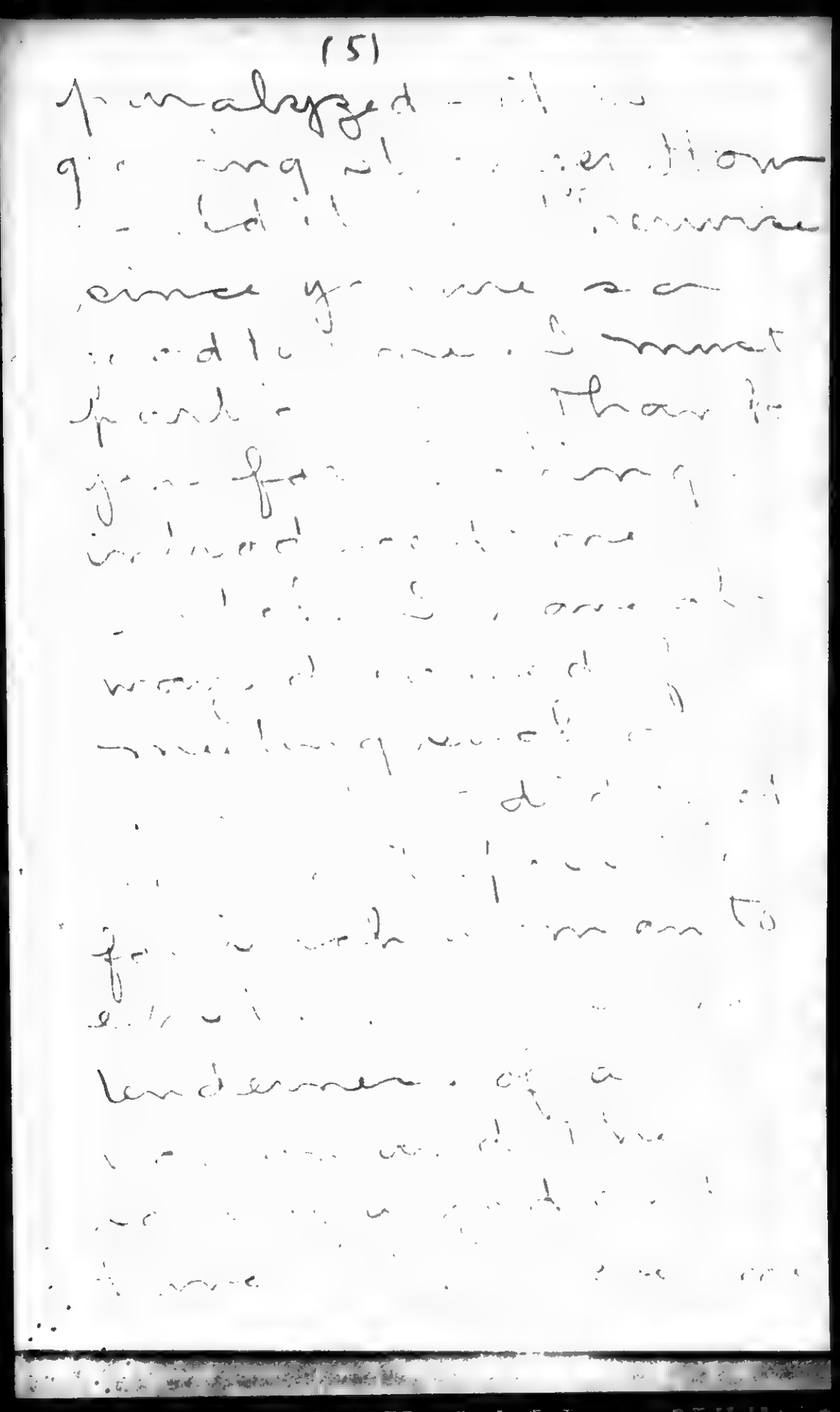

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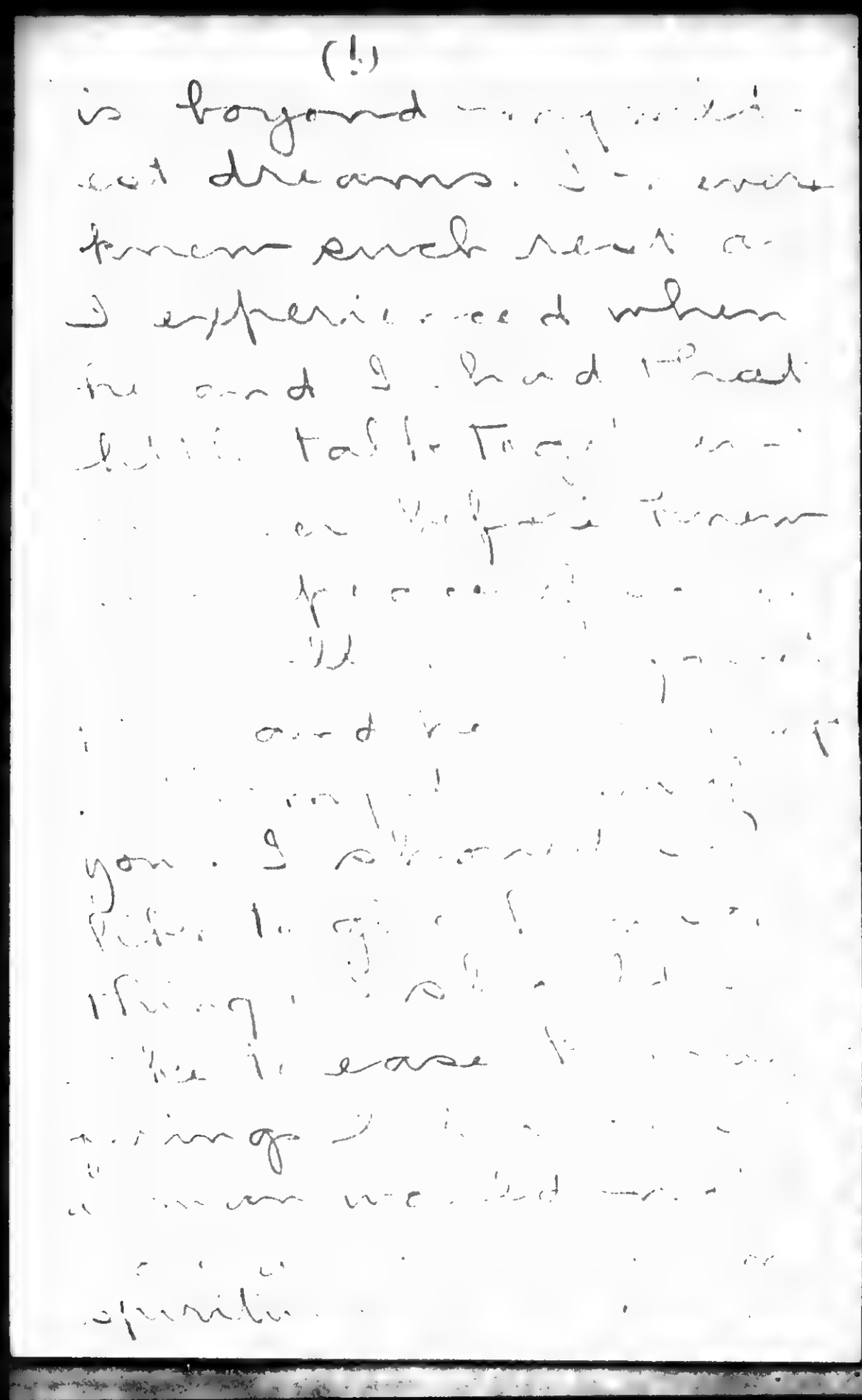

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is beyond
dreams.
experienced when
had

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you see, dear heart,
that after [illegible]
come [illegible]
you place with
pleasant [illegible] recollections
[illegible] usually
finished [illegible] it is
with a cool [illegible] sigha-
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

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moment of [illegible]
in which [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] that
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the
[illegible] been [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the
[illegible]

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Fred and I [illegible] a
terrible [illegible]
I got home. I was
so wretched I [illegible]
him to get [illegible]
[illegible] at a restaurant
[illegible] it [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] get [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible]
hope I [illegible]
again for I feel
that I always want
to [illegible]
[illegible] mind
[illegible]
[illegible]

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[illegible] you see the en-
[illegible] how badly
I needed a [illegible]
person as yo[illegible]
come into my life;
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Almeda

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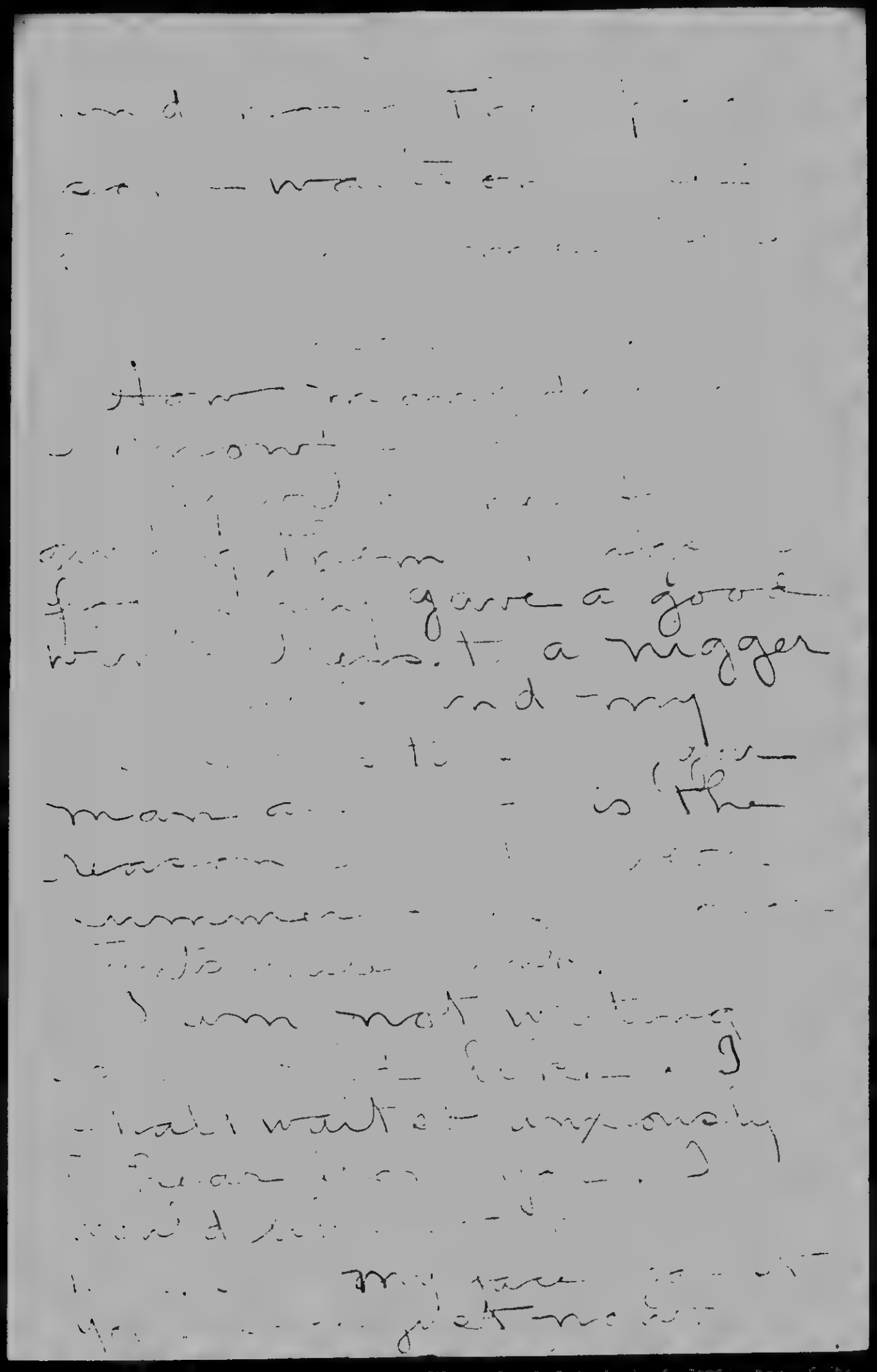

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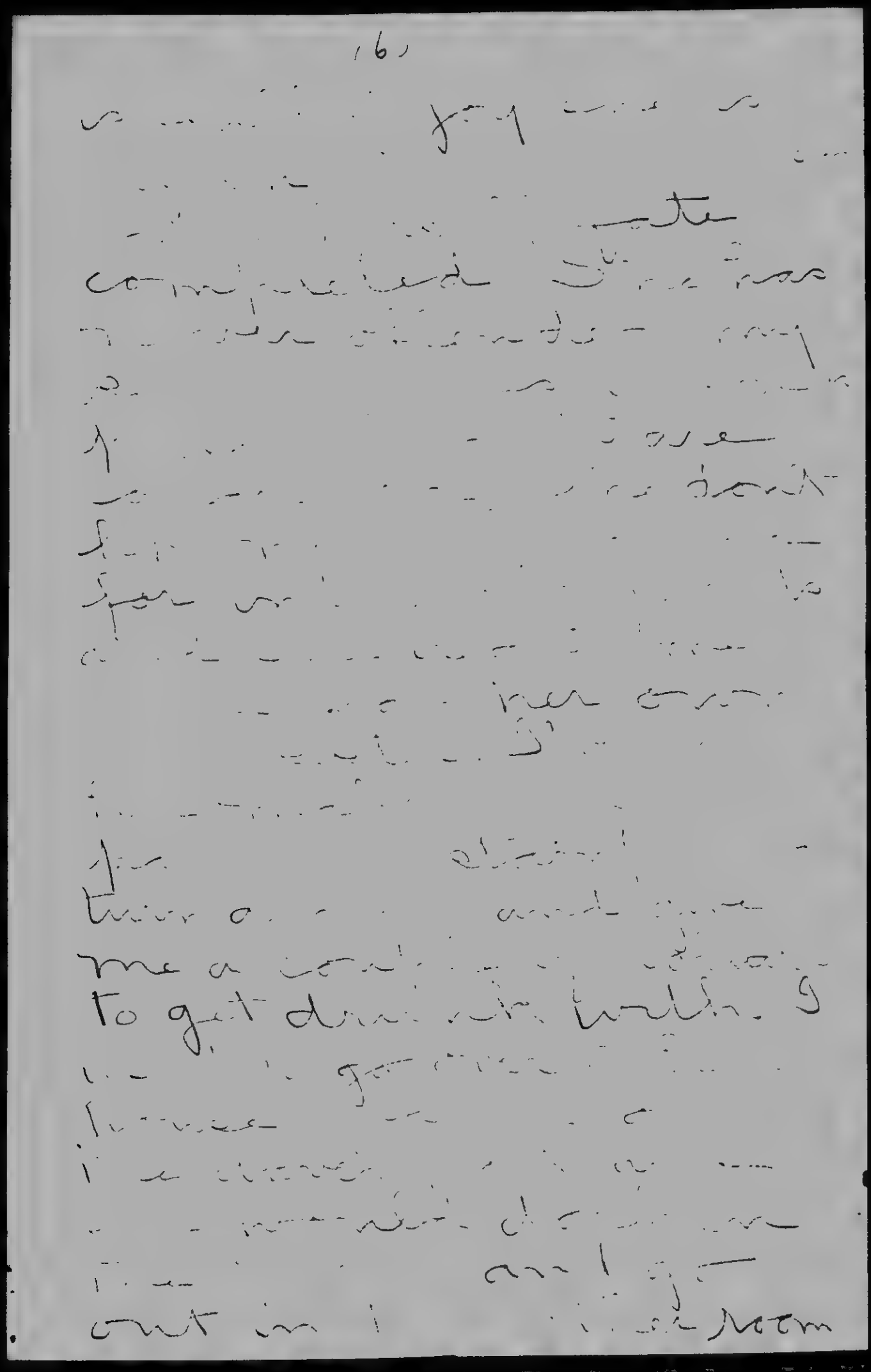

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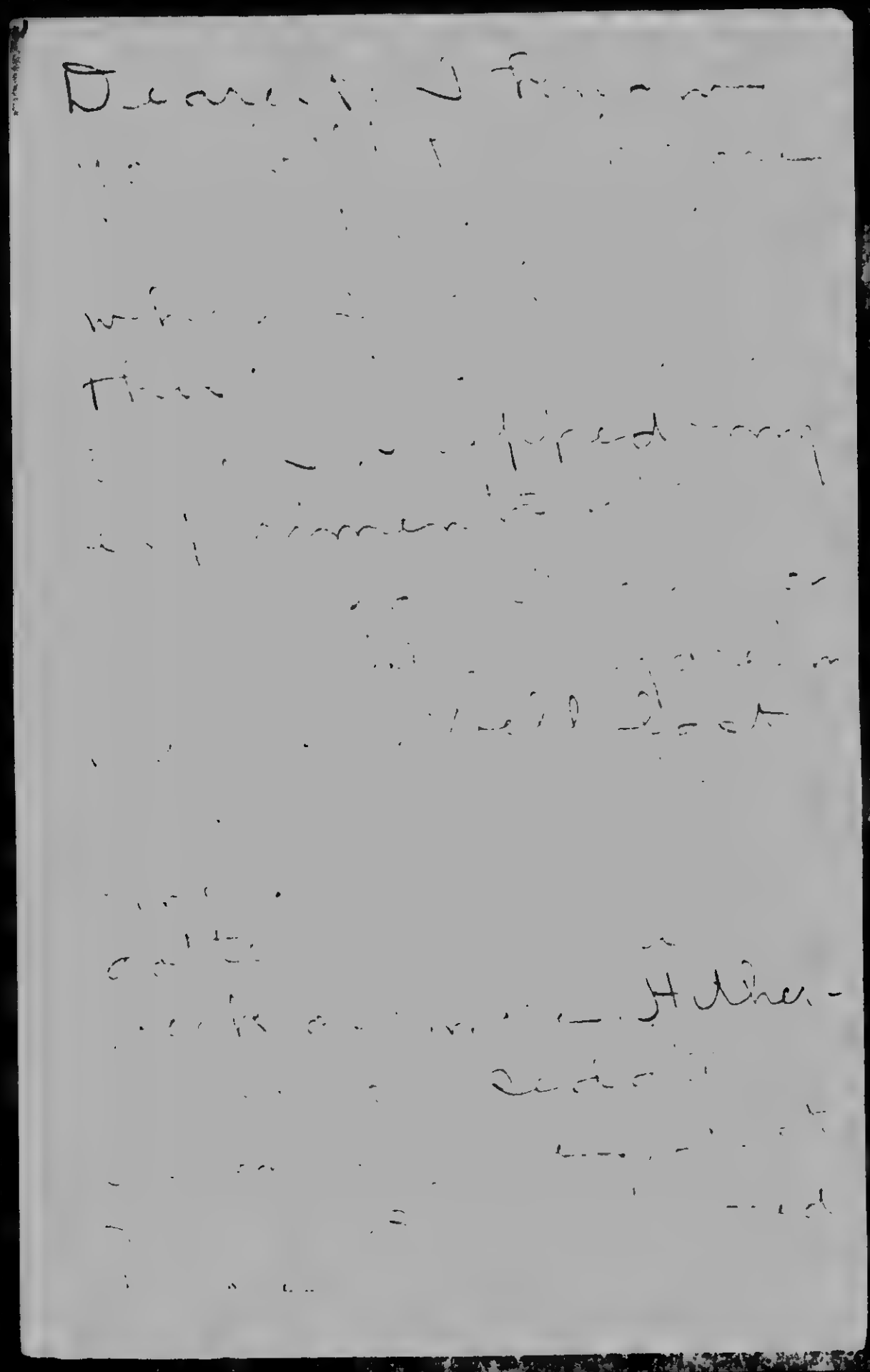

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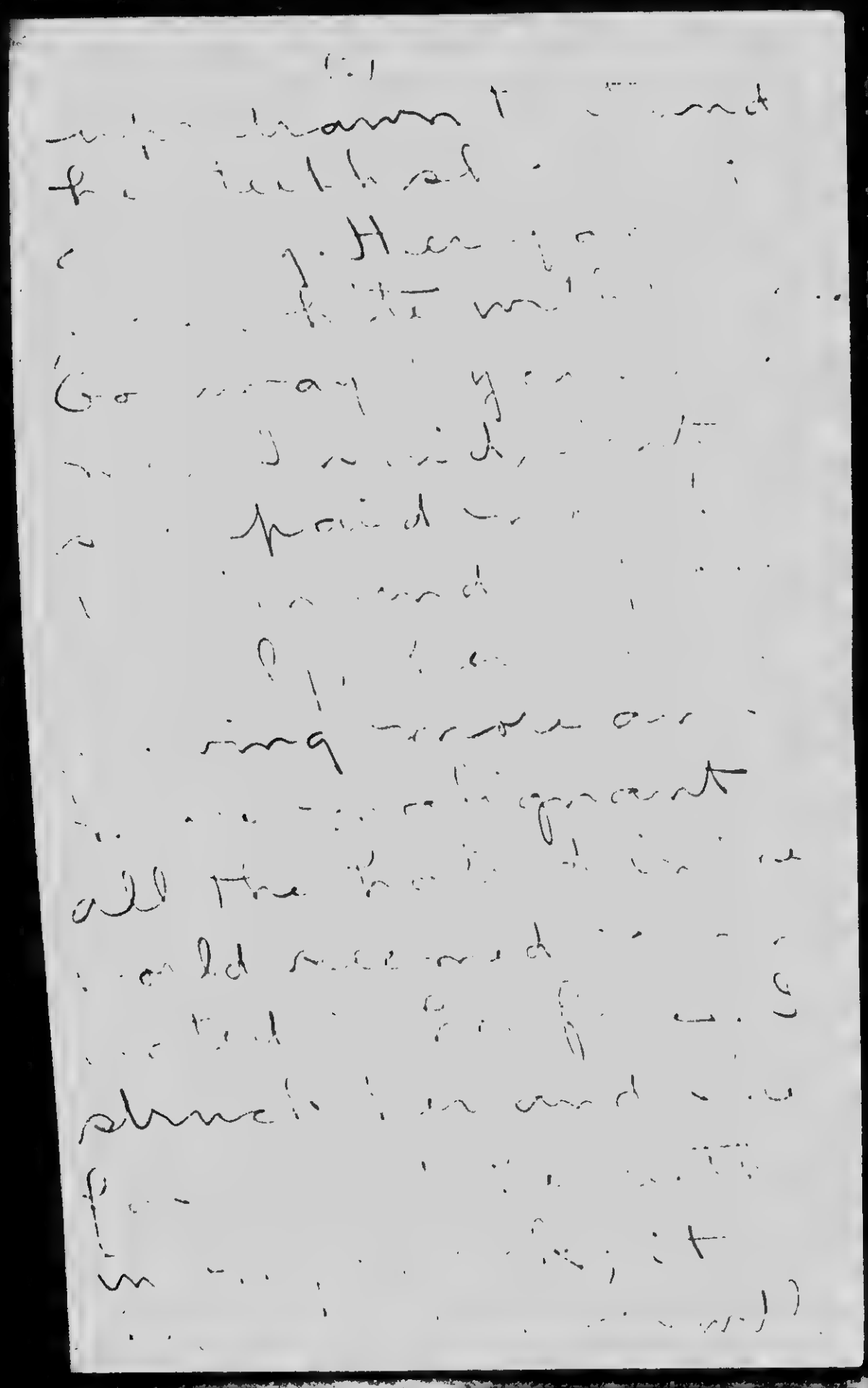

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About four [illegible] ago I [illegible] in my mind [illegible] panion of [illegible] tellect; he [illegible] tall, [illegible] of Mc[illegible] [illegible] taught [illegible] [illegible] black [illegible] "I have come [illegible] you," he said. "You are mine [illegible]" "I will not," I said. [illegible] a

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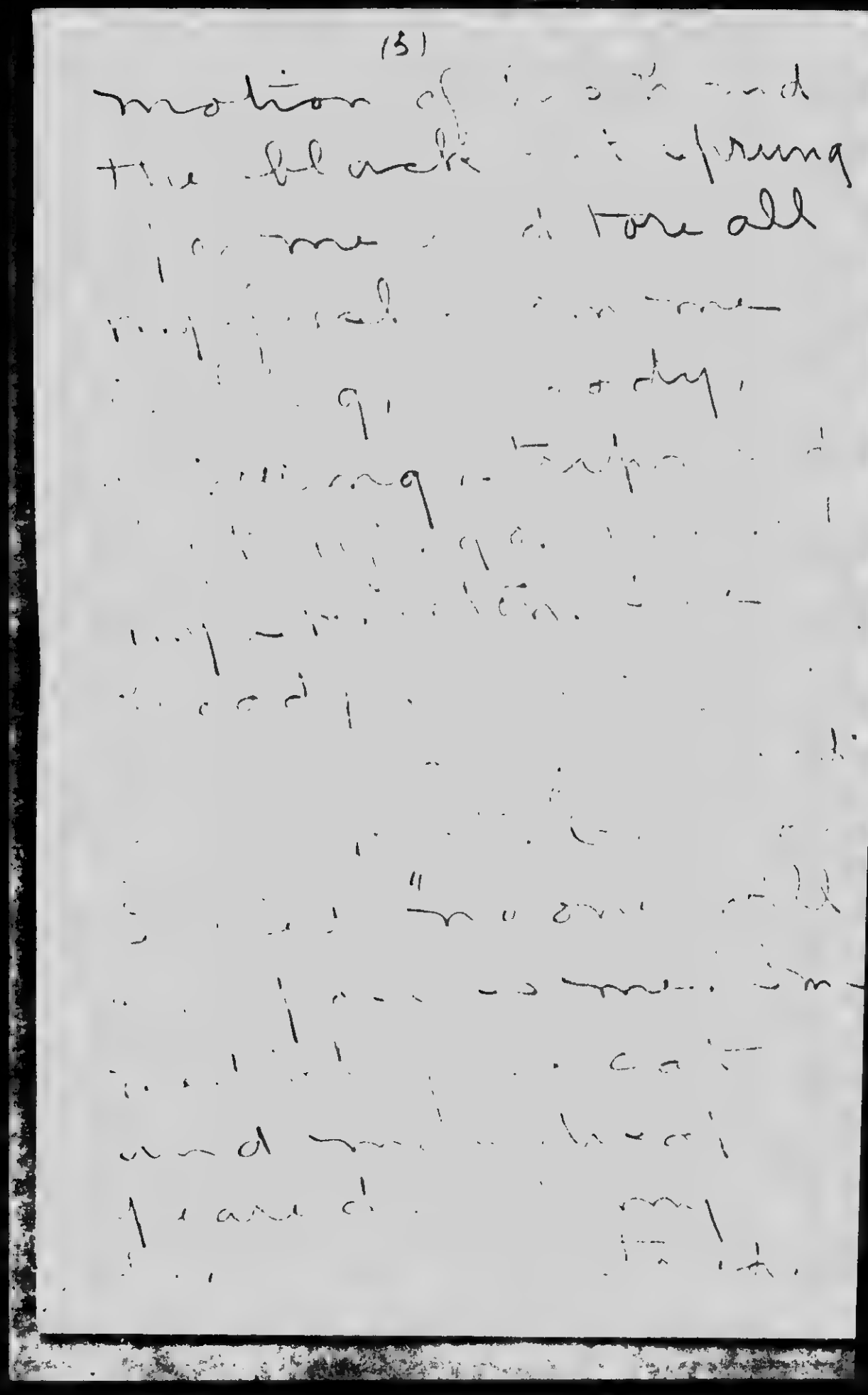

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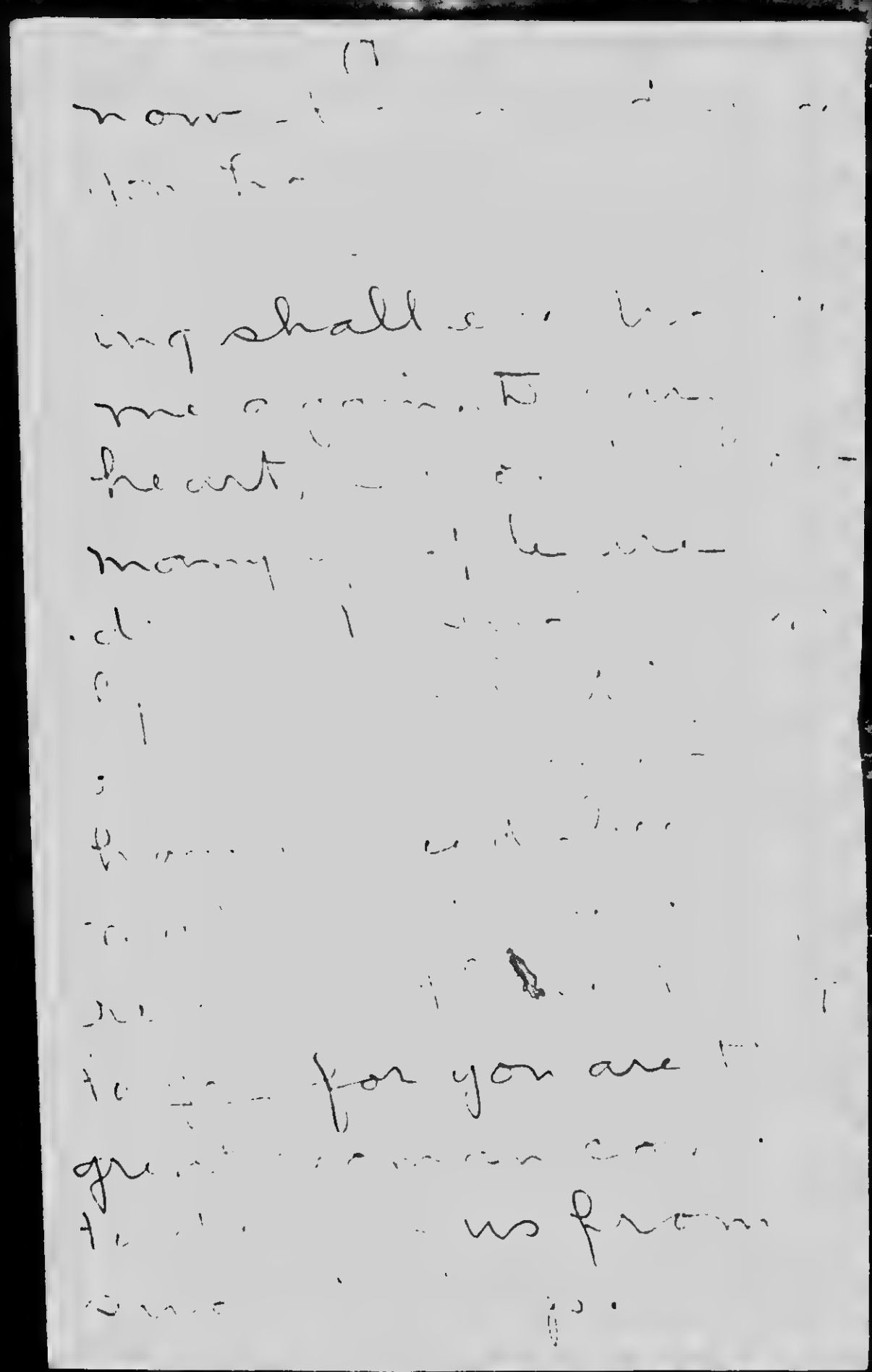

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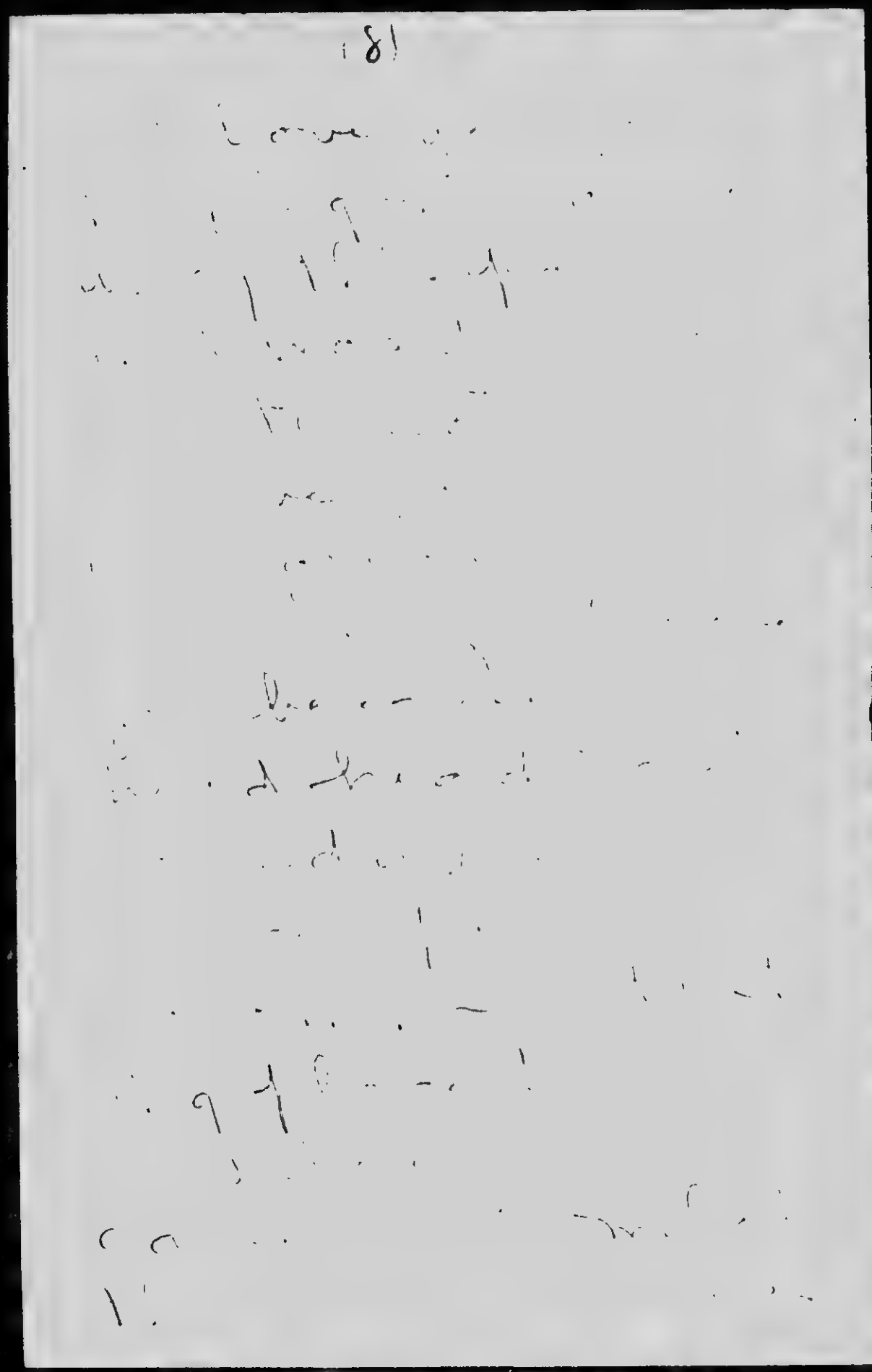

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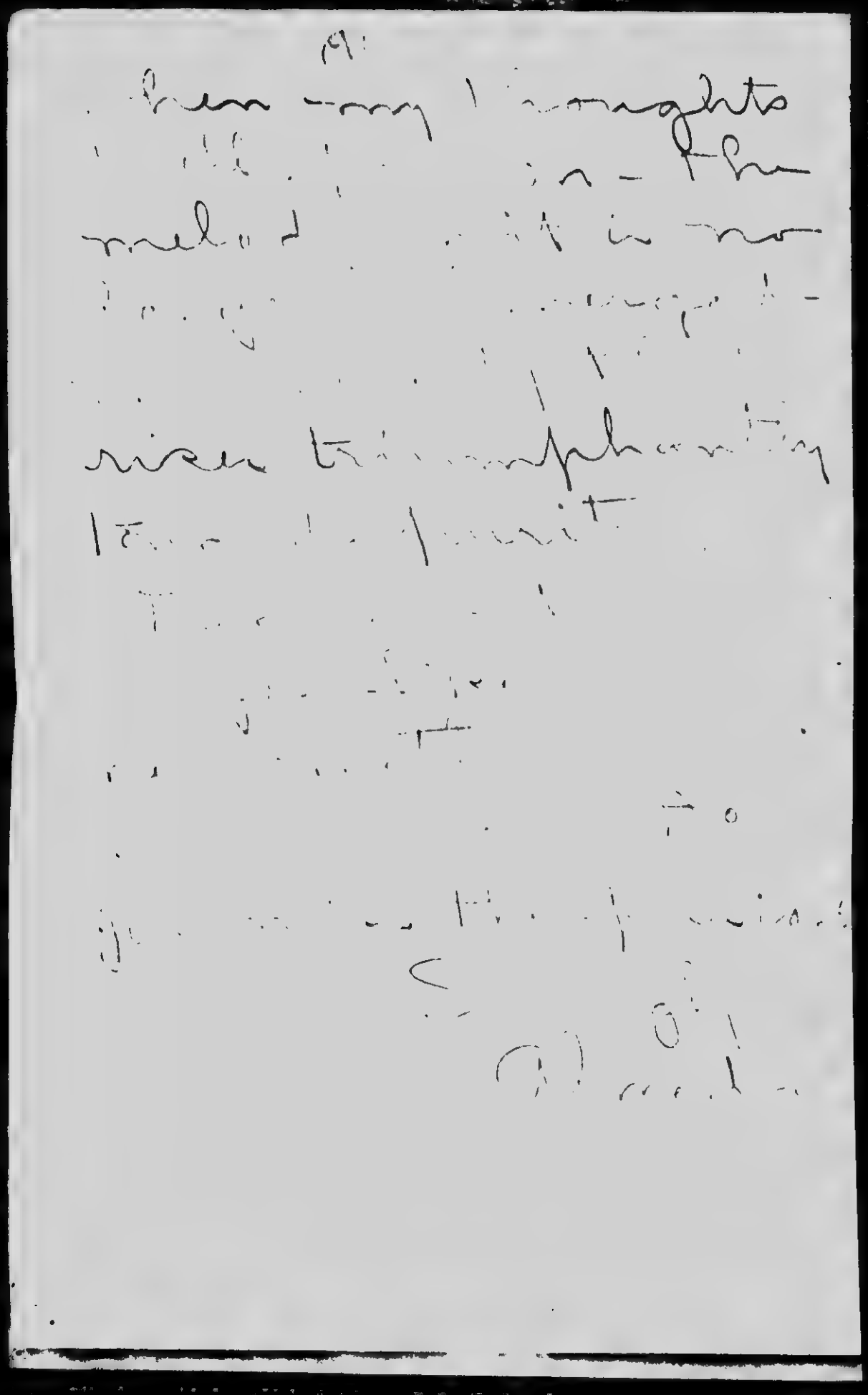

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Dearest: It is a good
thing that I came
away when I did —
in fact I would have
had to come away
anyway. If I had
only had courage
enough to tell myself
[illegible]
[illegible] then —
then I would have
known happiness for
[illegible]
[illegible] complete [illegible]
[illegible] of you [illegible]
[illegible]

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with — the yearning
to possess you at
all times and it is
impossible what
greater suffering can
there be — what
greater hell can —
than [illegible]
[illegible] wish to live
after possession
[illegible]
no! [illegible]
I am listening
rythm [illegible] pulse
[illegible]
[illegible] and sing.

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along with your life
blood, coming
from the secret
places of your body
I wish to escape
[illegible] you but am
harried from [illegible]
[illegible]
escape from the
rythmic spurt of
your love juice.
I am [illegible]
waiting [illegible] my
train. [illegible] minute
[illegible]

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[illegible] minute I
pray that I never
[illegible] again. I
pray for death for I
have had the greatest
thing in the [illegible]
[illegible] yearn for a thing
[illegible] nearly [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] yearning with
a [illegible] so deadly.
[illegible] yearning I was —
dying yearning — revo —
lutionary yearning.
I am in pain, dear
heart, I am in pain
but you have enriched
me. you [illegible] enriched

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(5)

me — at this moment
I feel you open your
mouth in sweet
invitation as your
lips, dear heart, I
can now possess
you at any time (how wonderful that I have this moment to give)
I am like a spirit
wine upon your
mad wonder and
I see you
with the cup of
it and I see you
mount to the
crest of my dal-
liance.

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at times my hatred
of you is greater than
my love. I hate you
that your interests
are mystical. I hate
you for my own
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
mine to keep on
[illegible]
Dear [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

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Succulence is sweet
and wine drips with
honey.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Almeda.

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Dear heart: You said you would give me a gift. May I tell you what I want? I want that picture of yours that hangs in the office above Ben's desk. If this is too much to ask for, never mind. The picture I have of you is out of a newspaper and is no good. If it is Ben's picture, ask him if I cannot have it. Oh God! he couldn't be so cruel to refuse me, could he, since he has the real you before his eyes every day.

Lovingly.

A.

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Friday early morning

Make mine more and more
I am convinced that our love
is not any healthy and often
[illegible] to real thing
[illegible] I [illegible] can
[illegible] am not

I crave you, get [illegible]
[illegible] rested [illegible] nature
[illegible] have [illegible]
[illegible] for a [illegible]
[illegible]

I send you a delicious
loving letter that would

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have brought any other
[illegible] they said, you
do not come and [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] not
understand me, I do
[illegible]

I wish you had urged
to be stay away another
2 days so that Reclamation
Mss could be finished

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I should be very much surprised if I will not see my patient before I leave. [illegible] I leave does not [illegible] the last train [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 7 44 arriving 8 42 or maybe not until the ~~[illegible]~~ 8 04 getting in

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9, 10, or either of these
unless something happ[illegible]
then I will phone
I will [illegible] Almeda [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] ince [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] ? I will carry
[illegible]
Usye Rudick to come
to the house Sunday

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evening if the weather
is not favorable, she
leaves Friday, so that
you for proper lung
operation she will be
in Chicago, besides I
really believe not find
necessary my return
I have [illegible] regular
and I feel that I will
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] in vain longing
for the impossible
I embrace you
Mommy

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[Letter, 1912] Sept. 6 [New York to Emma Goldman, Ossining, N.Y.] / [Ben Reitman]. — 1 p.; 29 × 22 cm.

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Sept. 6th.

My dear tired impatient lover.

I was glad to get you any thing but cheerful note, sorry I dont fit. This [illegible] rather a ha[illegible] at the Office. Fairfield of London priered [illegible] of [illegible] and offered t[illegible] Egos in exchange at 37cents. I wrote a very nice letter [illegible] Berkman [illegible] an order for two Anarchism and other e[illegible] to be from Boston. A man in Phila. took the 5# set.

I had a letter from Jack White to day and another from the Editor of the "Common Cause" he sent over a complete file of the "Common Cause" and asked for a [illegible] Copy of your book to review.

[illegible] Hill Haywood Hutch Kerr Forster of Vera Cruz [illegible] and a number of people. [illegible] were in to day.

Stella just called up [illegible] wanted to meet you tomorrow I did not [illegible] meet you when you come in if I know when there are some little [illegible] and thing that I will keep until you arrive.

[illegible] the bill with the Call today for 9$ Ignore him some checks. I [illegible] I love you my Sweet Art and I can not say the things I feel.

(Bob)

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Sept. 19th.

Dearest:- A woman has just been here to see me- she came to tell me her troubles. I have been dying the last day of a lethargy. It is strange that Fred cannot see that I am sick and yet this ignorant woman cleaned my kitchen for me so that I could have more rest by the time I must prepare another damned meal. Those damned meals and my husbands English stomach- the rising and the setting of the sun is not so important as the filling of it. They should have automatic feeding troughs for the English

Dear, I cannot write much today. I, too, wish that I could spend a week with you in the country. I am with you in spirit, at any rate. Just before you sink into slumber, dear heart, I rest in your arms. I browse amongst the roots of your hair- I kiss your body with biting kisses- I inhale the sweet, pungent odor of you and you plead with me for relief.

No, I wont write to "Hutch", especially after reading his book. My soul is not to be vivesected for the benefit of the generalpublic. Besides, if he wants me he knows my address . He is an observer- he does not know emotion altho he strives for it desperately; he has a subtle mind but it is not half so subtle as my own and he does not need to think that I am like a ripe fruit, ready to be plucked at his will. This is terrible- I alternate between longing for him and repulsing him but you must never tell him.

Lovingly,

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Sept. 21st.

Dearest:-

It seems to me that every day or so I have to make a confession to you of some wickedness of mine. See the enclosure I have written. I wrote it to send to Nell Davis's husband. I am sick and tired of hearing from others that he thinks that I ought to be put in some institution. I ~~ad~~ am in one, it seems to me. Bah! let us forget it.

I have read "Mary Wollstonecraft" twice since I have had the book Poor soul! The human soul is like a plant; the beauty of its maturity is wholly governed by the quality of its seed and its environment while growing. Poor soul! she too, had a vision of the future and was strained to the uttermost by the war between her intellect and her emotions- the fate common to all genius. People like Mary need compassionate, gentle loves and yet loves that are fervent- instead, people like Mary nearly always waste themselves upon those who are not worthy of their loyalty for few people have lived who were as loyal both to herself and her loves as Mary. Dear Mary! dear Mary!

I take back what I said about "Futch." Do you suppose, honey-bug, that you can keep forgiving my saying some of the things I know at the time I am writing, hurt you?

I have poured so much of myself upon you lately that I feel that someone had given me a soporiffic. I am beyond words today. Do I annoy you, dear, I don't want to disturb you while you are busy writing your lectures.

Lovingly,

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Monday 11 a M

My lover, my precious boy
Be few words with
you and Berg were
like a sweet and
wonderful dream. It
gave me
than 2 months in 210
which only confirms
the fact, that such
a union means to
live upon a plane of life
and also that life
ought to come to
nature more often

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After all you are
so much a part of
nature, so exquisitely
primitive and real.
You are rarely at
your best in the
City with so many
affected human beings
around you. Dearest, lover mine
you little gypsy prince
you, no and outside
of Hutch, I fear.
But what does it
matter, my love
knows you and

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therefore means to you
more than life
I feel perverse, because
I thought much of
the unspeakable things my
friends have said
of me, and now
seeing you and realizing
you have acted
that way.
Well, perhaps later
the day will come
when your Mommy
will not have sad
many years in the

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fine, when you can
come to see us prison
and freedom, as
you did out here.
I thank you that with
all my soul.
Dearest one, since
have learned yesterday
that you were wrongfully
charged, I have felt
worse. I do hope
you will come success
and that we can
have free meeting
But I have my

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doubts, especially so
long as M E, B
look & B's mistress
have to be imaginary
Will see Kaufman
Write me affectionately
and all again and
have got your
love. I feel, I can
to resist anything
on you, but I want
you here & better
Besides I have my
share here, I dread

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to know of my meeting
Lower mine, in case
B. has not gone
and by day, send
me / be under cover
through here, / the
day after next. Send
me the call [illegible]
day. Dear, [illegible]
Blaine, [illegible]
[illegible] about 2 [illegible]
I will get them the next
morning. Dearest, love you dearest
Yours, Lovingly, Hippolyta

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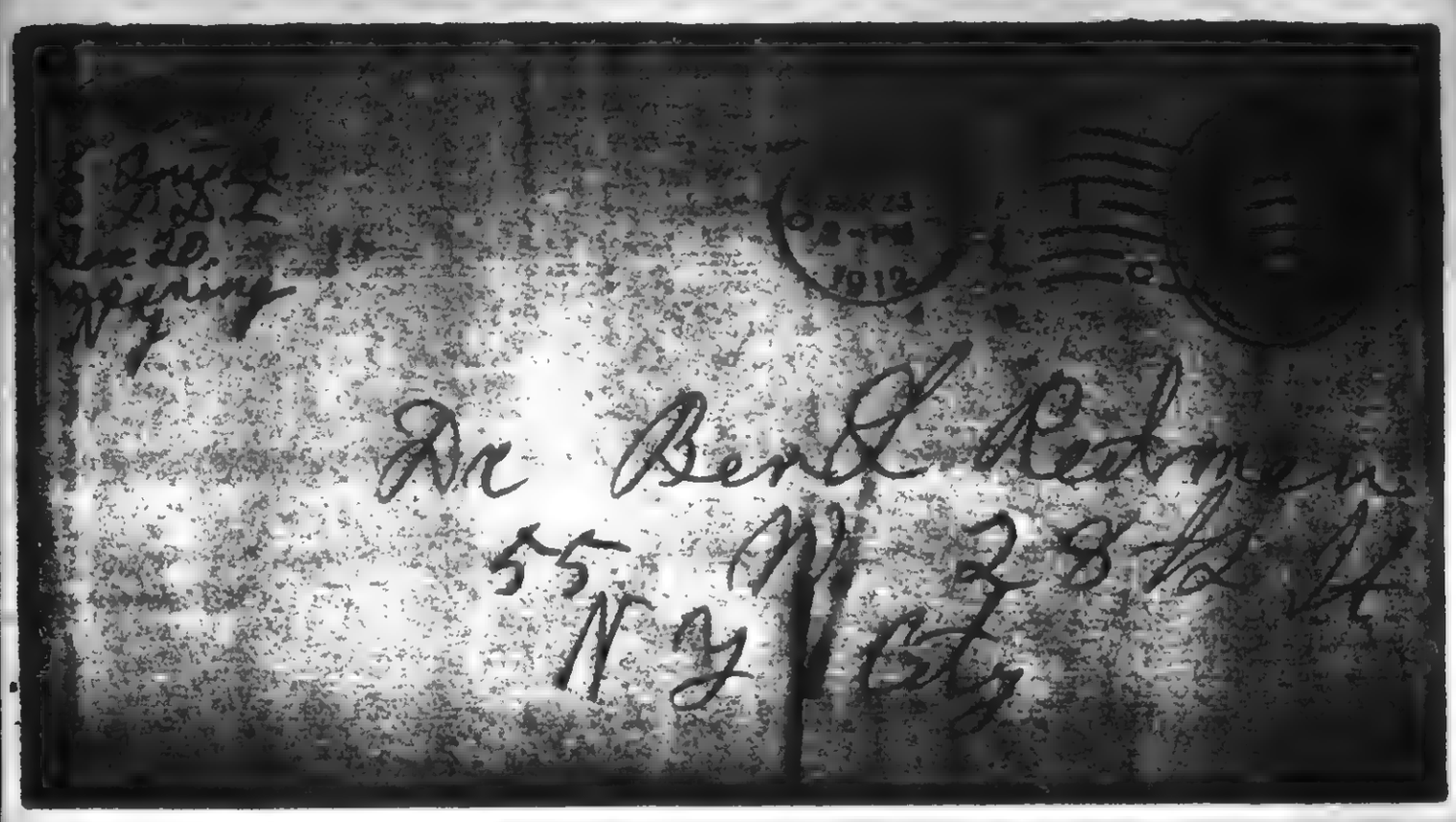

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Sept. 23rd.

Dearest: I have been flitting about from one thing to another today, in vain endeavor to quell my terrible longing for you. But my work is done and now that I have sat down to think, I am instantly seized with a fire that races over my body in recurrent waves. My last thots at night are of you. I dream of you during my slumbers

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and that hellish
alarm clock is losing
some of its terrors
for me for my first
waking thots are of
you.

Dear, that day you
were so kind to me
and afterwards took
me in your arms, your
beautiful throat, that
I kissed with a rev-
erent tenderness, re-
minded me somehow
of the throat of that
bird I shot - you re-
member my telling

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you of that.

Do you know, sweet cherry-blossom, that my week with you has filled me with such an energy, such an eagerness to become worthy of your friendship, that I feel that I must either use my intensity towards living up to my best self or ending it all quickly in one last, grand debauch.

That article I sent

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you has raised Cain
in this town. The
editor wrote that
heading and has it
garbled somewhat
for I'm sure I put
a skirt on that old
dago. I did not re-
alize I was an un-
conscious plagarist
until I saw it in
print and that it
was saturated with
things I have learned
from you. However,
I would like to learn
how to be a construc-

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writer.

In regards to what you say about humoring a man for such a length of time etc., I can only say that only a person of Christ-like nature is capable of it.

I wish, dear heart, I could do something for you, just now, to relieve your fagged brain. But I cannot – such a poor friend am I. I can only say that I love you

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and that I suffer with you. I am so glad you have Ben with you on your tours and that he can relieve you of many burdens.

About the picture, dearest, I would be so glad to have one; if it would not put you to any expense – if it did, I would grieve and it would make me unhappy.

It is maddening. I have so many

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pictures of you in
my heart and I can-
not make them into
one. I have a pic
ture of you that I
clipped from a
newspaper but it
is not you. The
picture in your book
is not you, either.

Nell Davis has
moved away – the
only woman of real
intelligence I ever
met in this town –
the only woman who
knew life – and now

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I have no one to
go to when I feel de-
spondent. She would
let me go to see her
but she never called
on me; her husband
wouldn't let her on
account of my rep-
utation. She told
me she wouldn't
be a moral coward
if she didn't have
her son's future to
think of. Well don't
know that I know
her husband used to
be a pimp in a whore-

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house. There is no
worse stickeler for
propriety than a
reformed pimp nor
no worse stickeler
for prohibition than
a reformed drunk
and he is both. He
is half-assed and
so are all the rest
of the Socialists.

I am going to
a school of stenog-
raphy in two weeks.

Here I've been tel-
ling you petty things
again. How I wish I

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with you on the farm!
you are so sweet in
the mornings – your
eyes are like violets
and you seem to for-
get, for a time, the
sorrows of the world.
And your bosom –
ah, your sweet bosom
unconfined.

Lovingly,
Almeda.

Do not write to me, dear, if it
takes any of your strength
from your lectures.

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In the Country again. Sept 24th. [1912?]

My dearest Nunya. Here I am out in nature at last. I can not begin to tell you what a Hell my life in the City is. Of late it has effected me so much that I seem to think as if I would lose my reason, the people the noice the constant call on my energied and above all the lack of privacy just drive me frantic. I simply had to get away and though I am out only two days, I already feel changed and more at ease. What a wonderful soothing effect nature does have.

Dearest Girl, I feel guilty of having kept you waiting so long at a time when you needed solace and friendship, but I couldnot writedear heart, because I was so terribly disturbed myself, if I had written I would only have added to your misery and of course, I did not want that.

The boys were in the office, they told Ben they would call on me, but they did not come. I am sorry because I wanted to see them. I understand through what they told Ben that you sold the drug store. Is it true? And what now? Do you still intend o enter the art school? By the way I think that an excellant idea and only wonder why you did not think of it before instead of Medicine which would only have been a waste of time. The boys said you will move to Philadelphia, how soon and will you go too?

Dear Nunya, by a strange coincidence I knew that Merrick was theman even before you wrote me, I cam e to that conclusion ~~befo~~ the nighr

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before I got your letter and that simply because he seemed the most likely of the younger men to attract you. I am glad he is what you tell me though to mea revolutionary socialist who still dabbles in politics is more inconsistat than a Seidel and Berger. But then dear, as I said before, I do not believe ones theorieshave anything to do with ones passion. As to living in harmony with a person who is of an opposite opinion that is quite another matter. I do not believe that can ever be. But passion like love is beyond our controle and reason, I have convinced myself of that.

Dear, I do believe in satisfying one sex needs, because I think them imperative to our health and work. I do not however see why one must revolutionize ones life and habits because of a relationship with another man. Even if George could not go to the extent I have gone and I do not think he should, it is only loading useless burdens on oneself, still, your friendship and comradeship with you could not possibly end because there is another man in your life. It has never effected my relation with Berkman because he live s with Beckie, I mean of course, our comradeship and the work we are doing, the relation of 20 years. Why must it change in your case, especially when George acts beautifully in the matter?

What I mean by this is as follows, as long as you do not intend to live with Merrick in one house and also as long as you intend to make yourself independent, which I believe is the most important theing, why

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can not your relation, your friendship with George continue in the same way as it does now? Surely you do not think it impossible of having a great deal of devotion and love for George and yet an irresistable passion for the other? The fact that you do feel that way is self proof.

But of course, as long as there is the slightest doubt in your mind as to the justice and advisability of an intimacy with the boy you ought not to follow it under any condition, after all your own peace of mind and the force of your love are the only determining factors, nothing else dear?

I wish you were here, I could talk so much better to you than write especially as it is mail time and I want this letter to go to day. I will be out here until Oct 5th write me to this address. I think of you often dear and with much love and devotion. I wish it were inm my power to help you to peace and joy, I want lots of both for you. But we are so helpless in the last analysis, wd can do nothing for those we love.

Indeed I know Georges qualities, I have observed them and sensed the rest Thats why I have always respectedand loved him as a fine character. Give him my love and take a great deal for yourself.

your friend. Emma

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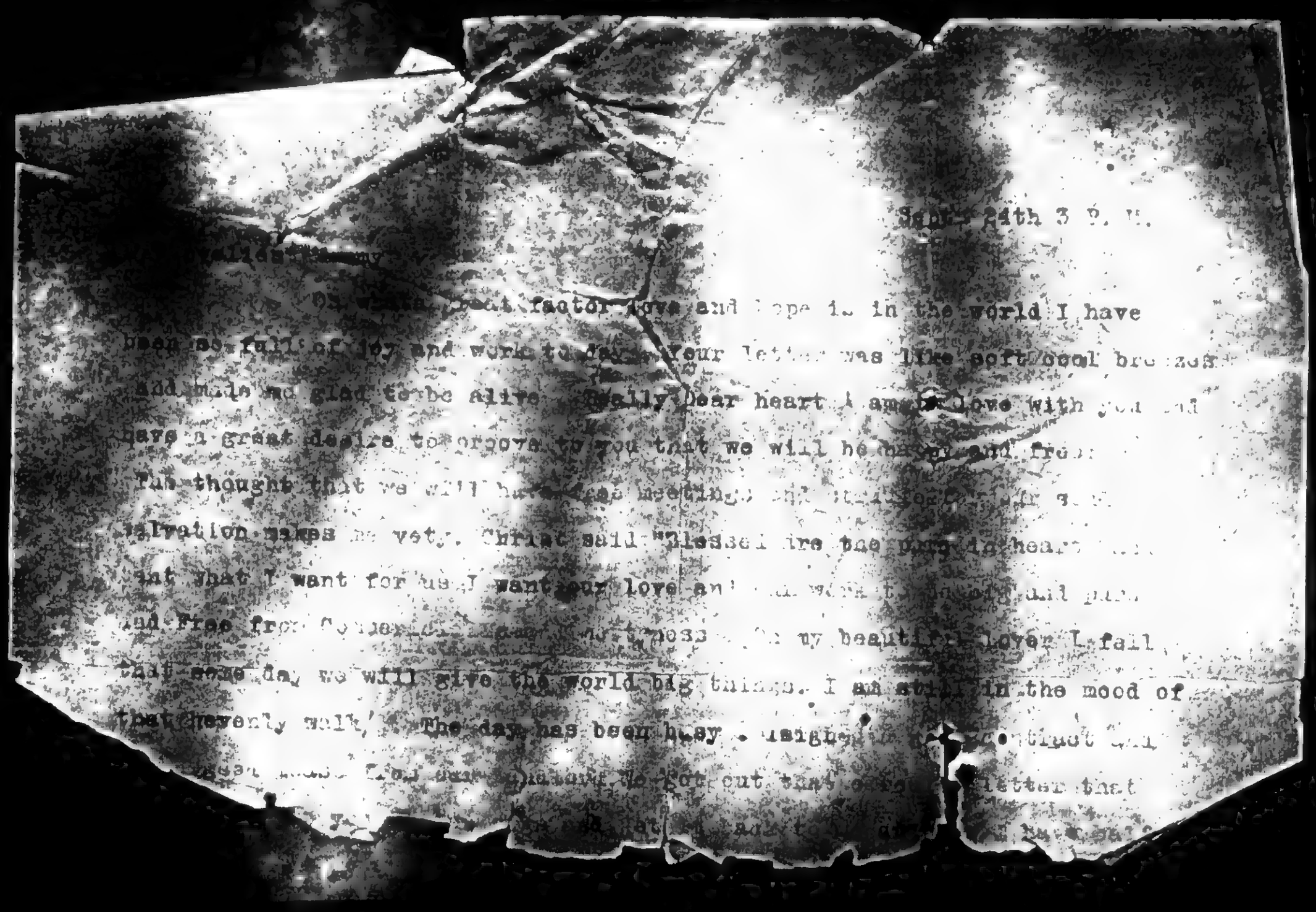

Sept. 24th 3 P. M.

[illegible] factor love and hope in the world I have been so full of joy and work today. Your letter was like soft cool breezes and made me glad to be alive. Really dear heart I am in love with you and have a great desire to prove to you that we will be happy and free. The thought that we will have real meetings and [illegible] our [illegible] salvation makes me very. Christ said "Blessed are the pure in heart" [illegible] that that I want for us. I want our love and [illegible] and free from [illegible] to express [illegible] my beautiful lover. I feel that some day we will give the world big things. I am still in the mood of that heavenly walk. The day has been busy [illegible] [illegible] to get out that [illegible] letter that [illegible]

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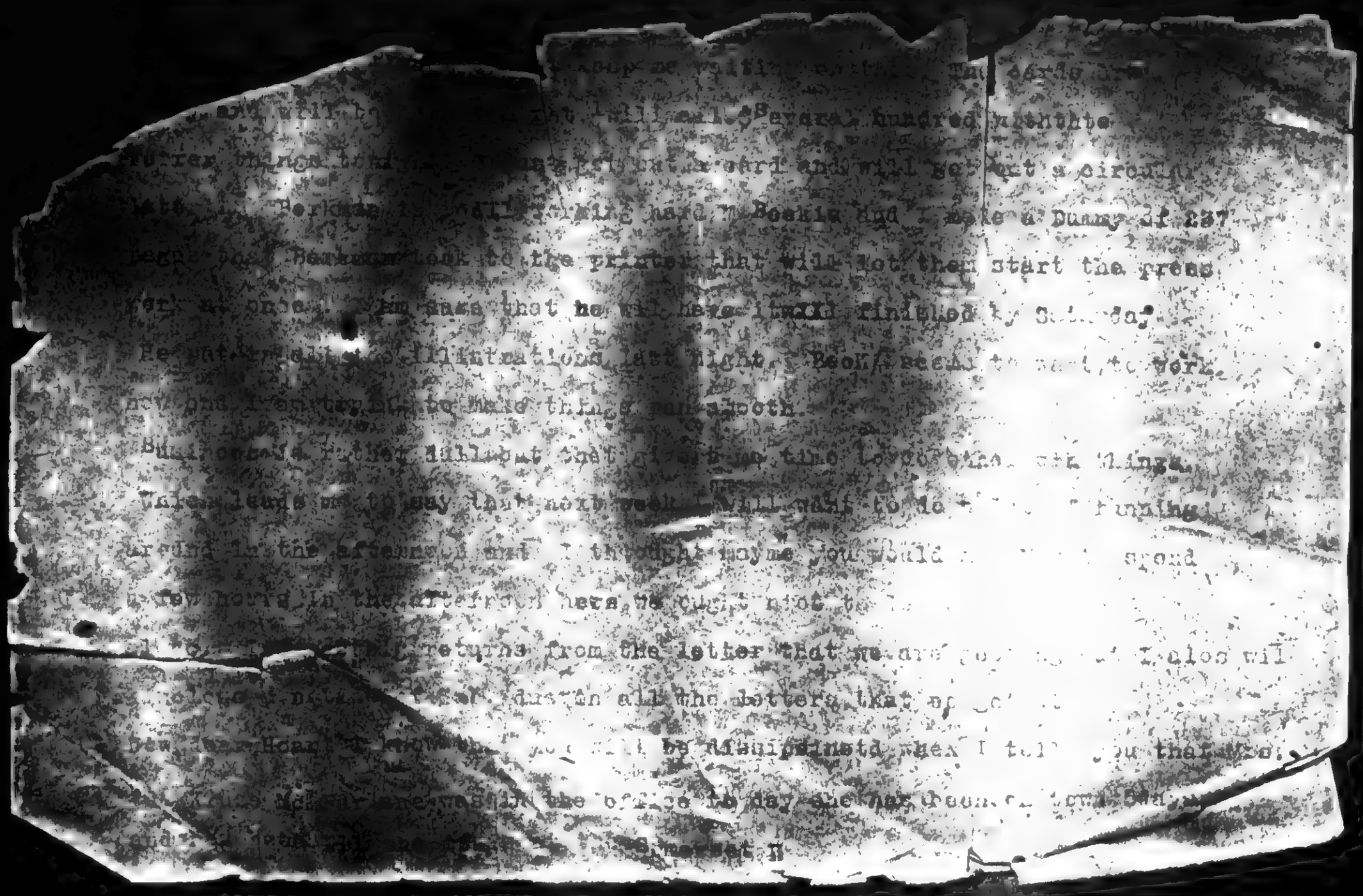

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to talk to you before she sails . She sails with her Mother and
Brother for a six weeks stay in Europe I hope you will call her up tomorrow
She sailes Monday morning .
We have whoopee at Jane and we three lunched together as usual
Hutch Capt Hutch now . I wonder why I cant seduce some ocean soul(if she
should save one)
am learning to write quite fast on this machine This
morning I addressed over 100 envelopes beside writing half a dozen letters
$7.00 cash came in today & $5.00 yesterday a $12.00 yesterday
I understand Sex went out yesterday . Baby I feel I ought to go out in to
the highways and byways and urge men not to smoke . I am completely changed
I tell ev'ryone I meet . I think of my mouth and realize that cigarettes
are responsible I feel like doing the Carry Nation stunt
Well my pow-wow is almost close as there is much to do I will see you and
Hutch . Meet me by a kindly tree I kneel and thank
wonder if we shall

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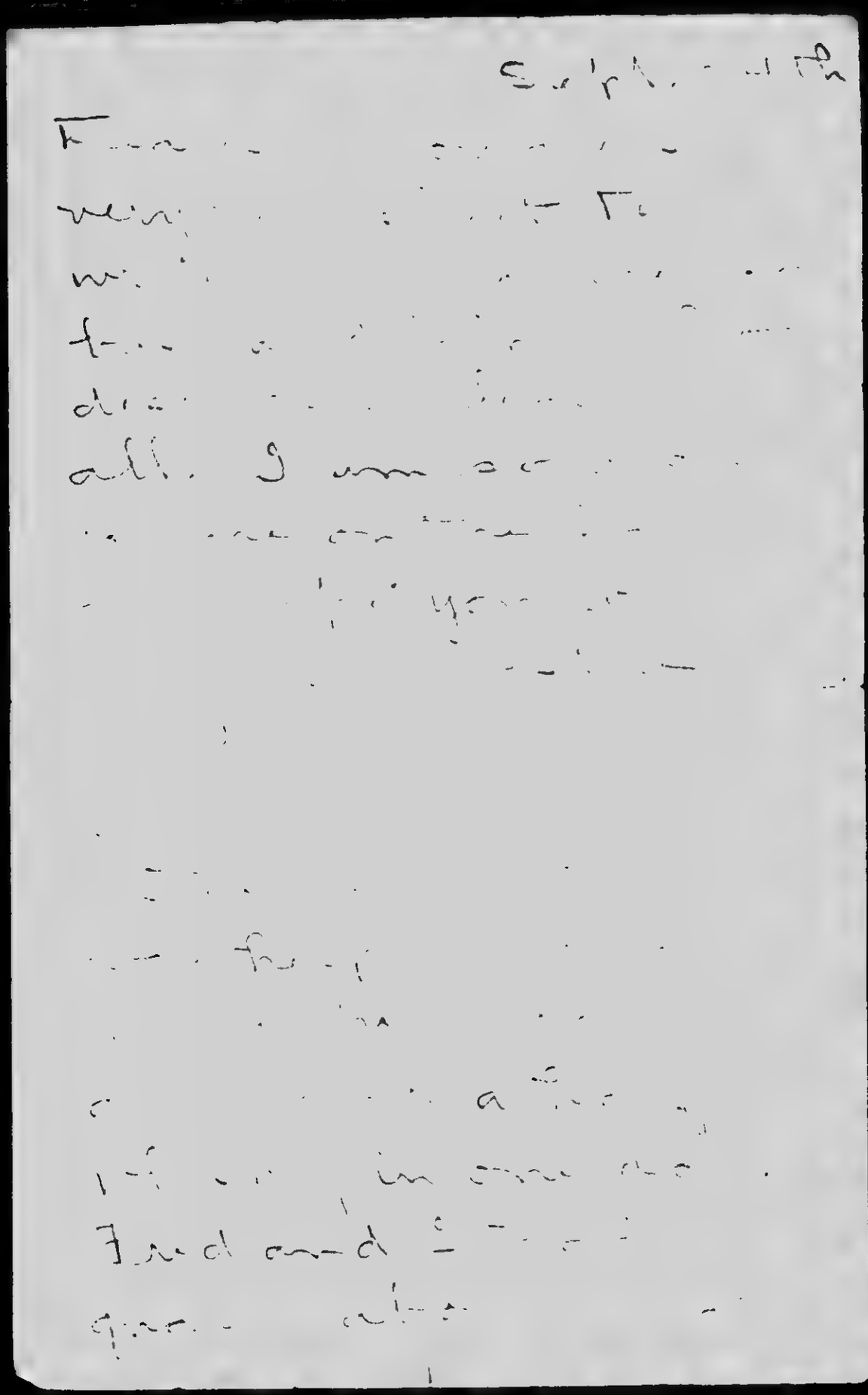

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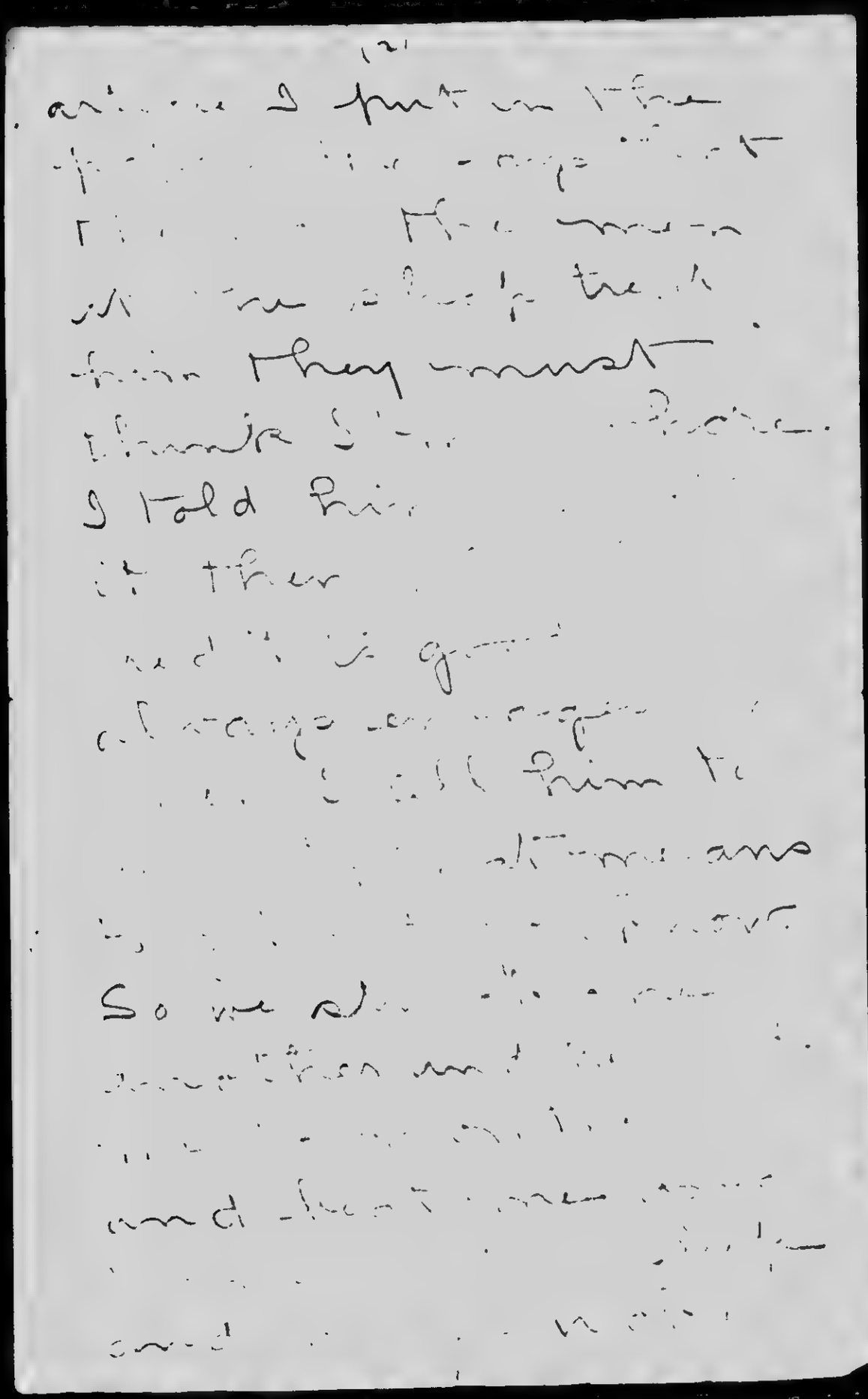

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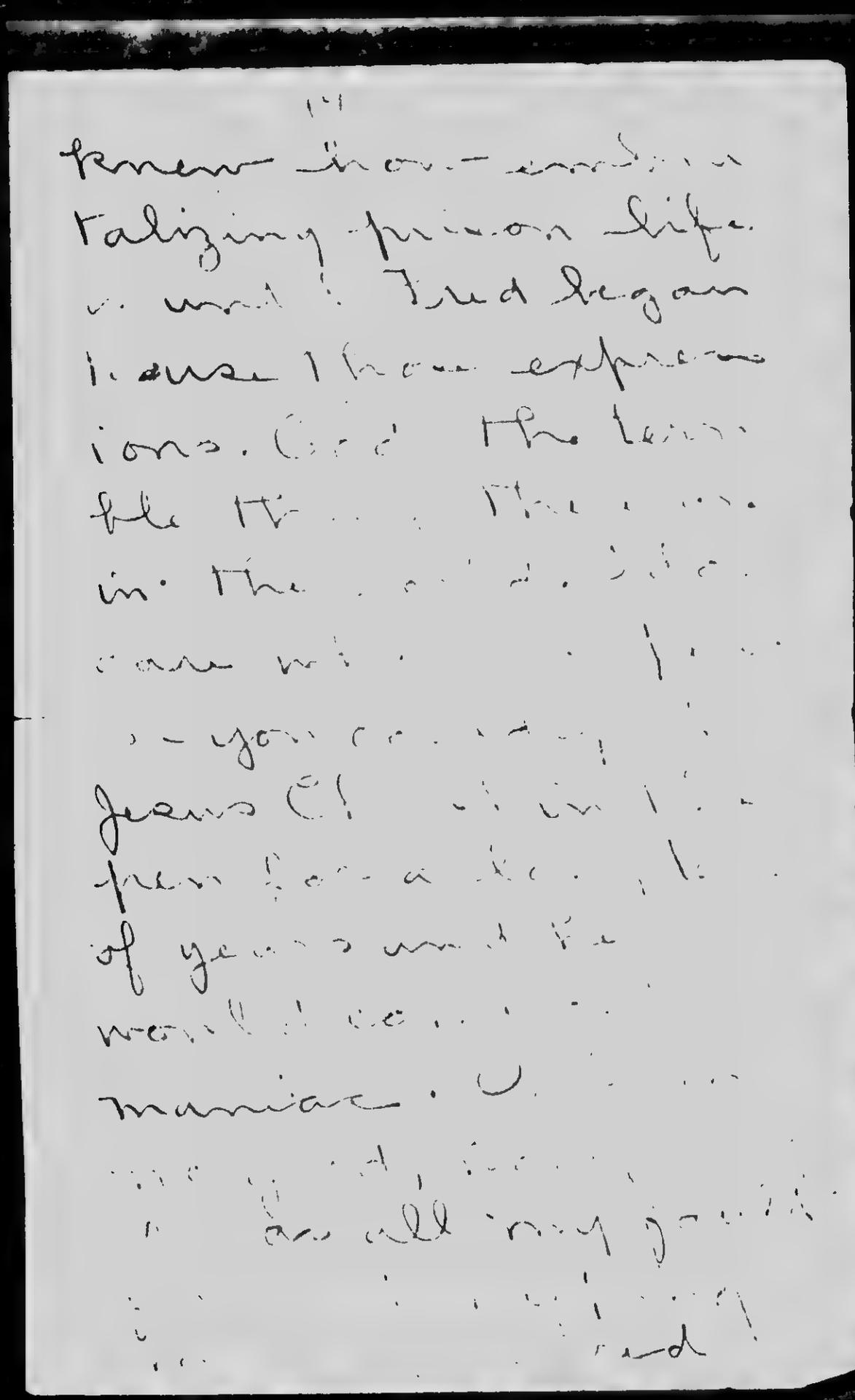

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in your personal habits and about your true hospitality and sister said, "How I would like to meet her! Always be loyal to her Almeda you know how you are not to be depended upon." Maybe you would like my sister best. No, no, Emma no, no! I kiss you madly on your mouth I smother you.

Surely I would like to sell some literature. I have been thinking about that lately and had plans all mapped out – you know one part of my brain is all business. That last article of

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was a dandy.

I was thinking the other day how nice it would be if I had money. I would establish a circulation department with or without your permission. You know you can get Americans to sell revolutionary propaganda if there is money in it but you cannot get them to sell it for the good of the cause. You need a live wire at the head of your 'literature' department and capital to start it on because you can't go on forever forcing your brain, letting other people live on the proceeds of it. I hope you will forgive me but you told me to always be myself with you. I do not mean to be familiar. It's anything, you don't know how much you give and you need a keeper and you also need a sound business established for your old age - you have the nucleous of it now. Hutch said I have Irish in me I don't believe it - I believe it is "Sheeny" for I felt like saying to you, "For God's sake! give people ~~the products of~~ your thoughts but hold on to your money." You dear, lovely, beautiful,

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big hearted thing. I wanted a tie at your house one day and you said it was soiled and you would buy me another one. If you like me in the least you must never, never give me anything. A gift from one I love makes me feel degraded and does me more harm than good. I don't know why, it hurts me to have things given to me but it does. I don't want anything but love and love and more love. No, no, no, no! don't ever do it again. I cannot explain but my Emma will understand. Business and sentiment! Please send me some samples of Mother Earth and other stuff. I'd like some books out of the ordinary as I know a number of book lovers I would make appointments with. Also some pamphlets like "Anarchist Morality". I will pay the expressage as you are assuming a risk (now sin!) at your end as I cannot give you an order now. I will have five dollars next Monday for expressage money so send whatever you ~~[illegible]~~ deem advisable. If you have

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books that would appeal to doctors I would make a systematic canvass among doctors from one town to another, first trying to secure an appointment by means of correspondence. If I only had some capital I'd make things hum for I have a hard business nut and an excellent business training in actual life and that is the reason I hate house work – there don't seem to be any results in housework. The same damn thing every day. Hell!

Sovingly,
Almeda.

My own, dear, lovely, beautiful, sweet honey-bug.

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N.Y. Sep. 25th, 1912.

Dear Friend:-

One of the unpleasant phases of my work has been its material aspect. Depending as I do with M.E. and our other publications on the receipts from my lectures I was compelled to charge an admission which was very distastful to me and also kept away the very people who need enlightenment most.

I now want to try free meetings, and that because they would bring out large audiences and relieve my mind from the commercial side. Anarchism is undoubtedly growing, especially the industrial methods which we have propagated for so many years apparently to deaf ears, "Syndicalism, The General Strike, Direct Action and kindred things," are now attracting wide spread attention. It seems an unusual opportunity to reach large sections of the community if only I could deliver a course of lectures free.

We have secured a large Hall, Lenox Casino, 116th St. and Lenox Ave. It will seat a thousand. I shall begin Sun. Oct. 6th at 8 P.M. a series of 12 lectures. The weekly expense of the meeting, rent, printing and advertisement would amount to about $40.00. Of course we may count on collections, but not enough to secure the expence still less to warrant the hope of a margin. We therefore need a sustaining fund. Are you sufficiently interested to help me in my new venture and thus make my work in this city possible on a larger scale which I have hitherto been unable to carry on? If so, please let me hear from you at once.

Sincerely,

Emma Goldman

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[illegible] after reading your letter.

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I received a letter from [illegible] a little ago [illegible] of [illegible]. It is like the [illegible] of some wonderful [illegible] [illegible] moments both strong and sweet. What a pity [illegible] write me such letters often. Why, you would not [illegible] [illegible] baby mine, why can you not discuss [illegible] [illegible] of yours even if you do not believe [illegible] [illegible] promising [illegible] [illegible] richard [illegible] I read you is marvelous, I [illegible] to [illegible] I read my two manuscripts, "Anarchism and [illegible] and they are impressionistic, but of course [illegible] love me and [illegible] to live an [illegible] I have [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] ground into my mind. I do not think I would read them to you, for fear that you would not like them which would add to my creed of [illegible] let you judge [illegible] only hope you may not be too severe [illegible] baby mine, I want your approval so, I have to do poor work. [illegible] not expect too much.

Darling boy, I want with all my heart that we may succeed in free meetings, for your sake more than ~~anything else~~ and also because

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[illegible] business, but [illegible] shame [illegible] [illegible] business [illegible] conscious of our material condition. [illegible] Schroeder $300, Berman $75. [illegible] [illegible] come to us [illegible], [illegible] and brain, [illegible].

[illegible] as current [illegible] small house, [illegible] [illegible] come in [illegible], [illegible] possible, [illegible] [illegible] contributions. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], M.F. [illegible], [illegible], office and [illegible], outside of [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] mother and [illegible] receive from $60 to 70 per month. Our own expenses, [illegible] and more living, outside of any thing extra $25. per week, $100 per month. That does not include clothing or any other outside expense. Let us say $300 per month.

Now as to receipts, you know about them best, we have never at any time gotten in the office more than $200 per month and that at the height of the Winter, out of that not one hundred can be counted as profits

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[illegible] from meetings, or [illegible] money paid back from [illegible] have [illegible] able facts [illegible]. I have to [illegible] [illegible] so [illegible] unless I must, so that you go about it with [illegible].

[illegible] hard [illegible] might [illegible] our [illegible] [illegible] E.L. [illegible] income. [illegible] M.E. he is [illegible] [illegible] live [illegible] can not [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] is not because [illegible] paltry [illegible], but [illegible] work for the [illegible], which so [illegible] [illegible] because [illegible] nor [illegible] confidence in himself to do. Besides, even if [illegible] could [illegible] a [illegible], I should still want to assist him, because he is [illegible] helpless in this system.

[illegible] to our own expence, we might reduce it if we could live [illegible] and I [illegible] some day, but so long as we have neither a horse or other ~~xxxxx~~ method of rapid conveyence, you could not commute, nor [illegible] I. Here are the circumstances which must be met, dear heart, so you

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[illegible] substantial sustaining fund is imperative to [illegible] ill [illegible] later. But do not be [illegible] if [illegible] mentioned the cause [illegible] until the last [illegible].

[illegible] dingy [illegible], but [illegible] work.

[illegible], I do [illegible] be [illegible] I [illegible] be [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] I [illegible] I

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[illegible] between us and Carry Nations or other Governments [illegible] me to do as we do, then we grant him the [illegible] in his own [illegible]. [illegible] be asked for [illegible] doubt it, still, we could not want him to police [illegible] believe in his [illegible] Of course not.

[illegible] Hobo, which I [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible] women [illegible], [illegible] would [illegible], more [illegible], if you could not make [illegible] for an extreme [illegible], [illegible] form [illegible], if [illegible] [illegible] has [illegible], or [illegible] [illegible] begin from [illegible], I'm [illegible] much [illegible] and [illegible] as [illegible] is most women. I love you [illegible] day, because you are giant, power and fire every way. [illegible] you [illegible] I am proud of you [illegible] mine.

And now to work, I am starting on my anti-political lecture after [illegible] I see it is until [illegible] which may take all [illegible], but I like to work that way. Tomorrow I will write more Hobo. Come back the M. and T-p. they want you. press close to me and let me feel the passionate burning T on the T.B it is ecstatic and maddening. Oh,

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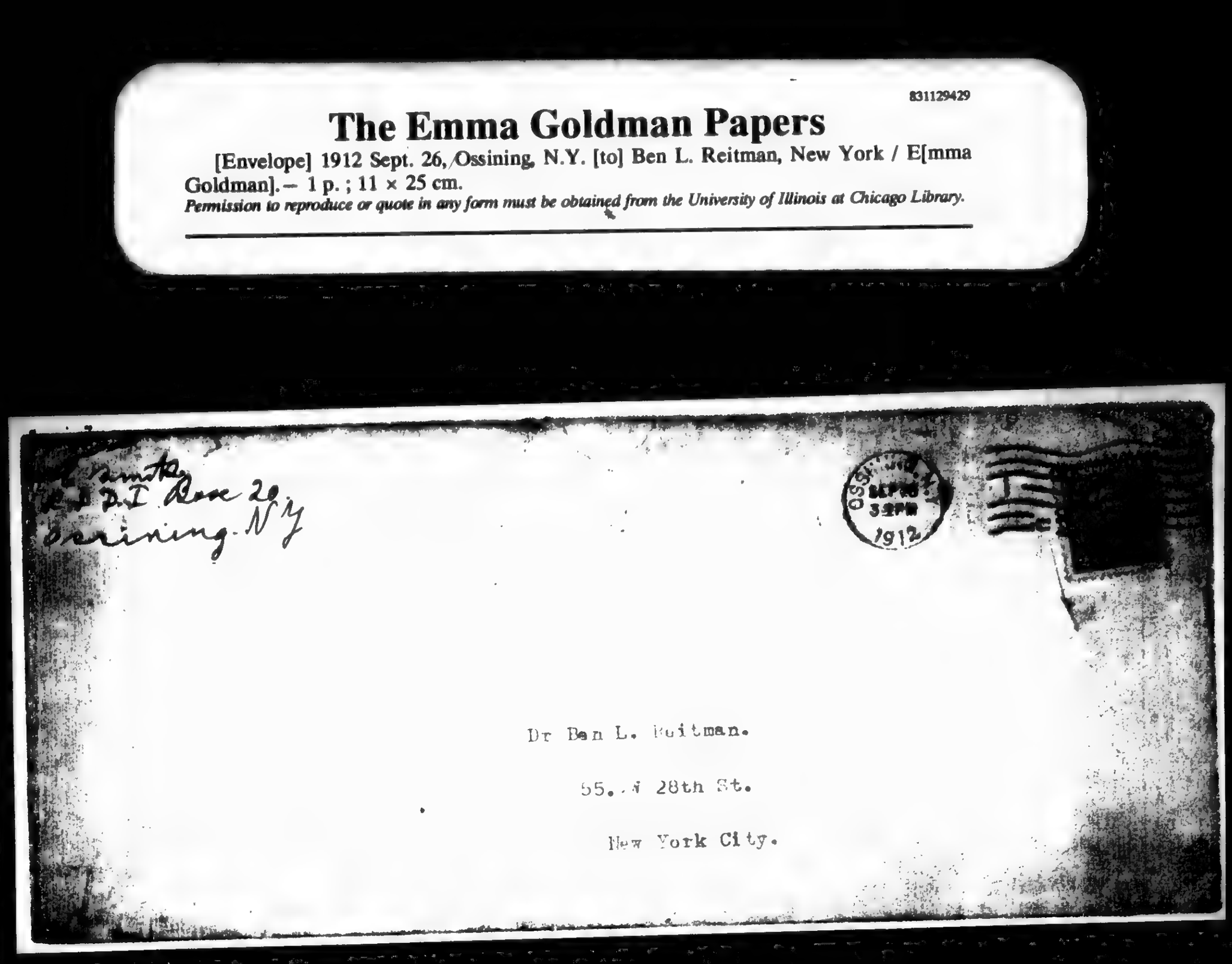

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Friday.

Hobo, my great Lover.

I am all in to day. Had a terrible night and got up with a splitting headache. The longing for you all night was so terrific that I wanted to get up and go to N.Y I am sure I could not stand it if not for the comforting thought that you are coming tomorrow. Do not disappoint me darling.

I do not know why should hunger for you so, after 4 1/2 years of our relation and so many misunderstandings. But I do, more than ever before and with such intensisty that I can barely stand the strain. How strange is love and life, and I wonderfully strange is my lover.

Will I think that my lover is crasy? Oh, dearest one in all the World, you do not know your Mommy. You do not know that in all our unhappy moments, all our friction it was one thought that sustained me and it was this. Some day my Hobo will awaken, some day, the beauty of his soul the tenderness of his being, the idealism of you mind will surge to the for. You see I was not mistaken, How then could I think you crasy?

I do not know what or who has brought about the miracle, I do not flater myself that it was I or my love. But who ever and whatever they may have been, I am grateful, because I wanted you to know this

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phase, which no one can appreciate so well as I, because I have gone through that phase myself in my early anarchist life. It helps to make one bigger, finer, more human.

But, darling mine, there is a beyond that phase, which you will also reach, I am sure. The point when you will come to see, that it is as inconsistant for an anarchist to be religious as it is for a to be a sensationalist. Anarchism, dearest is not a religion, it does not stand for renounnciation, for sake ccloth and ashes. It stands for the joy and ecstasy of life, it stands for your right to take in return for what you give. That is why I could never consider Tolstoy an anrchist in the big and broad sense, he was too Christian too escetic, to abnigating in theory at any rate.

Oh I do not want to prositute my brain and in the real sense have never done it, I have never spoken the things I did not believe in even though I spoke when I did not feel like. But I do not believe myself inconsistant because I charged admission and got through it the necessities of life. I know that I have done better, more thoughtful and more convincing work since I leanred to appreciate life in the large sense than when I was in my religious stage. I also know that my syspathies with mankind have become by far the stronger since I have leanred to interest myself in the individual.

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You see lover, there are various phases in ones developement, I have passed the one you are in, but that shall not prevent me from re verencing and respecting your phase, only I never could nor would see my salvation in renounnciation. To me it means infinitely more to become a force in the life of the one suffering being than in humanity, because the former is real and mayeb influenced, the latter is chimerical and beyond our reach.

That brings me to the point of simplification, indeed, I want that for myself, but if it would have to include the necessity of letting your mother, or Pipsie starve, I would not do it. Of course there are millions starving and also, if it were a question of principle, I should care neither for your mother, Pipsie or any one else, but such things as free ow 15 cents meetings are too insignificant a question to me to involve any one I love.

Owever, my darling is coming to me, I hope it will be fair and we can walk out as we did that wonderful night and Hobo can talk to me and tell me all he feels, and I shall take him in my arms and give him love and life, hope and cheer, do not fail me lover and come as early in the afternoon as you can, Max will most likely call tomorrow, or Alex cound stay for a few hours, I wish you would leave about the same time we left last Sunday and get here about two. Try it dearest.

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Alex worked well yesterday and is at it to day, he will have whatever he has taken out ready for Goldman and do the rest tomorrw and Sunday. He sees the necessity of rushing, but he tells me he can not work alone in the house, especially as he wants me for possible suggestions, to know a person 22 years is no small matter after all, is it?

Dearest heart, Sperry wants to try her luck with our literature she has no money to pay in advance, but she expects to send some Monday. Please send her about 5 each of our pamphlates, two of my books, some samples of M.E and each of The Ego. Eitzbacher and Brieux. I think she will make good, or send back the books. It is the first time any one devoted to me outside of yourself ahs offered to do something for M.E and our literature, we must incourage her. Equally so the boys, like Judin, I always wanted and in fact did incourage such boys, but their enthusiasm does not last very long, have seen it flare up and die too many times.

Yes I will read Syndicalism, thanks for sending it, as I mean to start onmy own lecture on the jubject soon, I have three for the first month completed and hoped to begin on Sterilization to night if only I fell betcer, I am on the bum now, find it even difficult to write a letter.

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I am sending a note through Alex what I want you to bring out, he will get B to take it to you in the office so you can come directly. Bring me the address of Kropotkin please, I want to send it to Ms Mc Farlane, had a lovely letter from her, Bring stamps dear and another pad, it cost 15 cents to send it out, the pad costs 5 cents, besides it took the whole week to reach here, thats a bad begining for simplifying ones life is it not?

I inclose a check for your mother dear, she gave you to me and is deserving of my consideration, I am sure. Yes Alex told me about Goldm proposition to get out 500 copies and charge $100. It will not do, I dread to think of the cost of the book as it is. We have waited so long, we can wait another week.

Lover, precious Hobo mine, I hold you close to me, I pour my very essence into you, I give you all that my being can yield, I love you beyond all thought and am yours, in stress and peace, always yours

Mamma

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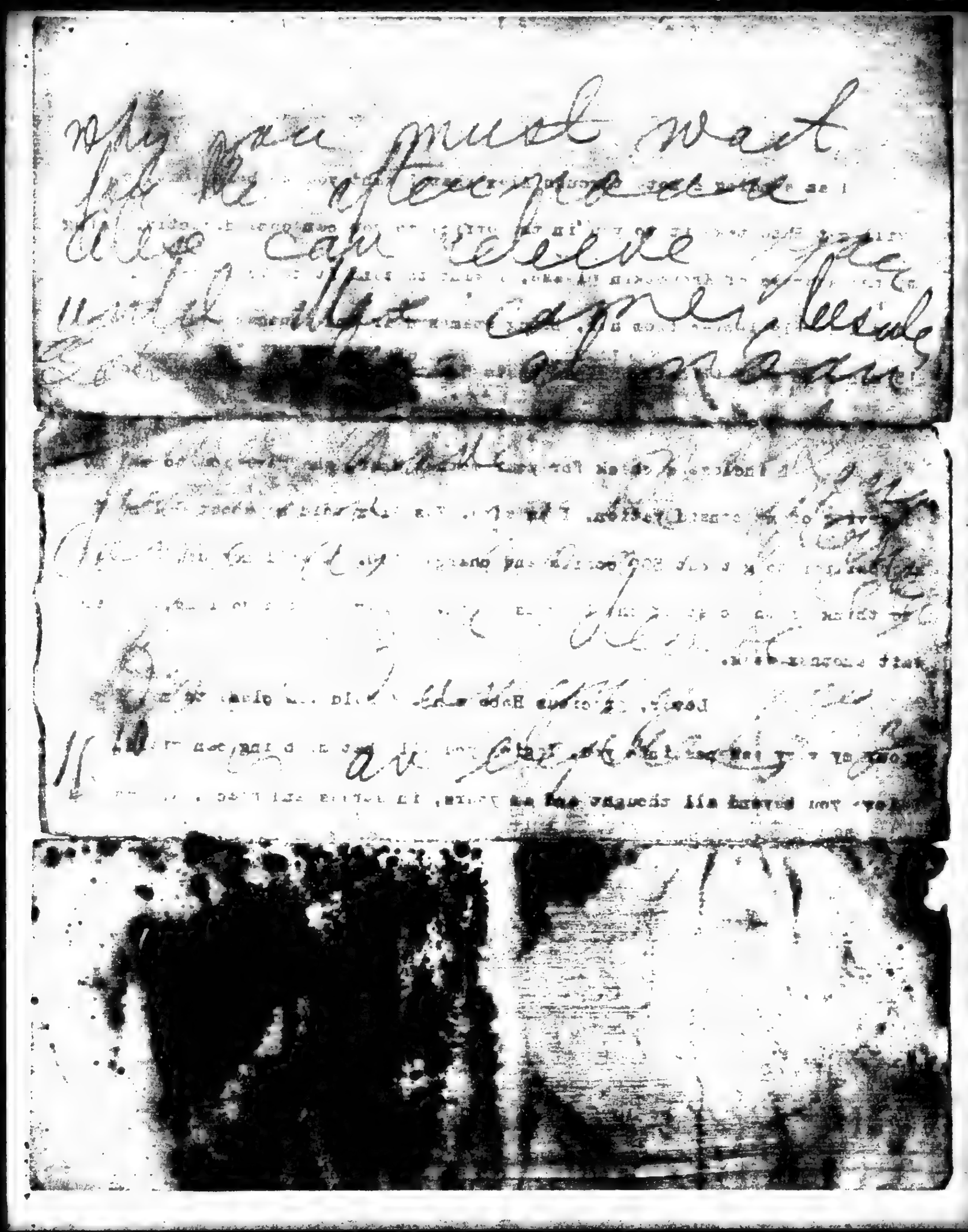

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My Darling lover
I really thik that if if we had time , we would have a wonderful romance . You have all the qualities of a new young lover and it all seems so strangely new and beautiful. Never did I do so much work and never did I have s much enegery . And don't tell any one but never did my soul feel s much at peace . and never did your love feel so comforting and secre. I now really feel a part of you.
I love you and I wat to be with you There is so much to do and and so much to tell you that I hardly know what to say - first (let alone speak for Willie), he ha been so quite and secure lately that he surprise s me But I must tell th T. B. and mountains that they are not forgotten not even for a mine.
I was glad to get he letters back signed and at II A. M. they were in the P. O. and at 5. M. Wilber Stone one of our Sub. came in with $ 2.00 It made me very hapy I am sure we will get a lot of returns and my hope will be realized. got off about 200 other notices last night and there is still an other 00 more to get off I will have an other stencil made tonight and get them off tomorrow .
I was up attle [illegible] And helpers meeting last to distribute cards Dumas was one of the [illegible]ers and I met a lot of Comrades there didtributed about 100 cards. Business has been very quite but Oct. will average ~~$22000~~ about $5.00 a day I am sure . I feel happy about the succes of our meeting. I am so glad that yor lectures are coming out fine I am sure they will make a success
IIc About the meetings and debts I will a[illegible] latter .
I am wondering if I ought to come to you to[illegible]. if it were not for the fact that I am looked to t alk tonight and there is a good chance to sell literature and distribue cards I would [illegible] tonight . a

A Special to me this morning reads,

Dear Brother Ben.
Mother is leaving on the Erie R.R. tomorrow at [illegible] A. M.
and will arrive in New York Saturday at. 4.15 P. M.
Make arrangements to take care of her.
L. B. Reitman.

We are somedi[illegible] actionist our Family . Mother said that if I stayed away long enough she would come to me . It was a complete dalightful surprise. Now But Maybe I willbe late but I will come out tomorrow night alone . Plese dont ask me to bring out Mother yet for a while I will get her a room and I know that she will be comfotyable and when you come to own we can find a flat for her. and maybe next week she could go to the farm for a while If [illegible]ais and Christine stay thre ther is no rason why she shouldent go out there .
But please dont change any of your plans and please dont worry about my Mother .
Schroeder was i to day he seems full of life Harry Kelly was in and seems full of gloom. Goldman wrote a note that I am sending you a copy of I do hope that Saha has alot of proof for them .
I had a note from Max saying that he would come in tomorrow at noon I am glad I want to spend a lot of time in Harlem next week distributi n cards and so far as I know there is no one to help . I am sure that if we can get our meetings well advertised we all have a success.
and do much betir than ever before.
I am full of plans and hopes and [illegible] loves my Mommy so .
I will bring the things you ask for and I will bring Willie full of life and love .

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The Room Sept 29th

Hello My Love

As usual the walk to the place gave me a headache, I wonder why it is? I am leaving this morning [illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] three days. In the afternoon I will [illegible] a long letter [illegible] own [illegible]. It will go out in the morning reaching you Saturday, this will get you Friday so my special of yesterday will no doubt

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came to day, so it will only
be tomorrow when I send a letter
from Mammy.
Lover Mike is really
very dangerous here, I fear he
would be glad to
[illegible] a
[illegible] Mammy
[illegible]
[illegible] and listening [illegible]
[illegible] called on [illegible]
[illegible] please [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] come
and all one glorious day
Dearest | dearest, if only
you could write here
Perhaps next year. But
we must be must

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Dear Ben some day my
real Image will beam
as simplicity and will
Darling me much Love
a lonesome Really the
[illegible]
[illegible]
Ben [illegible] old [illegible]
[illegible] life
[illegible] feels on life
and all the [illegible] there
town.
Precious Boy [illegible]
am I going to get
some more letters
of the house, I am

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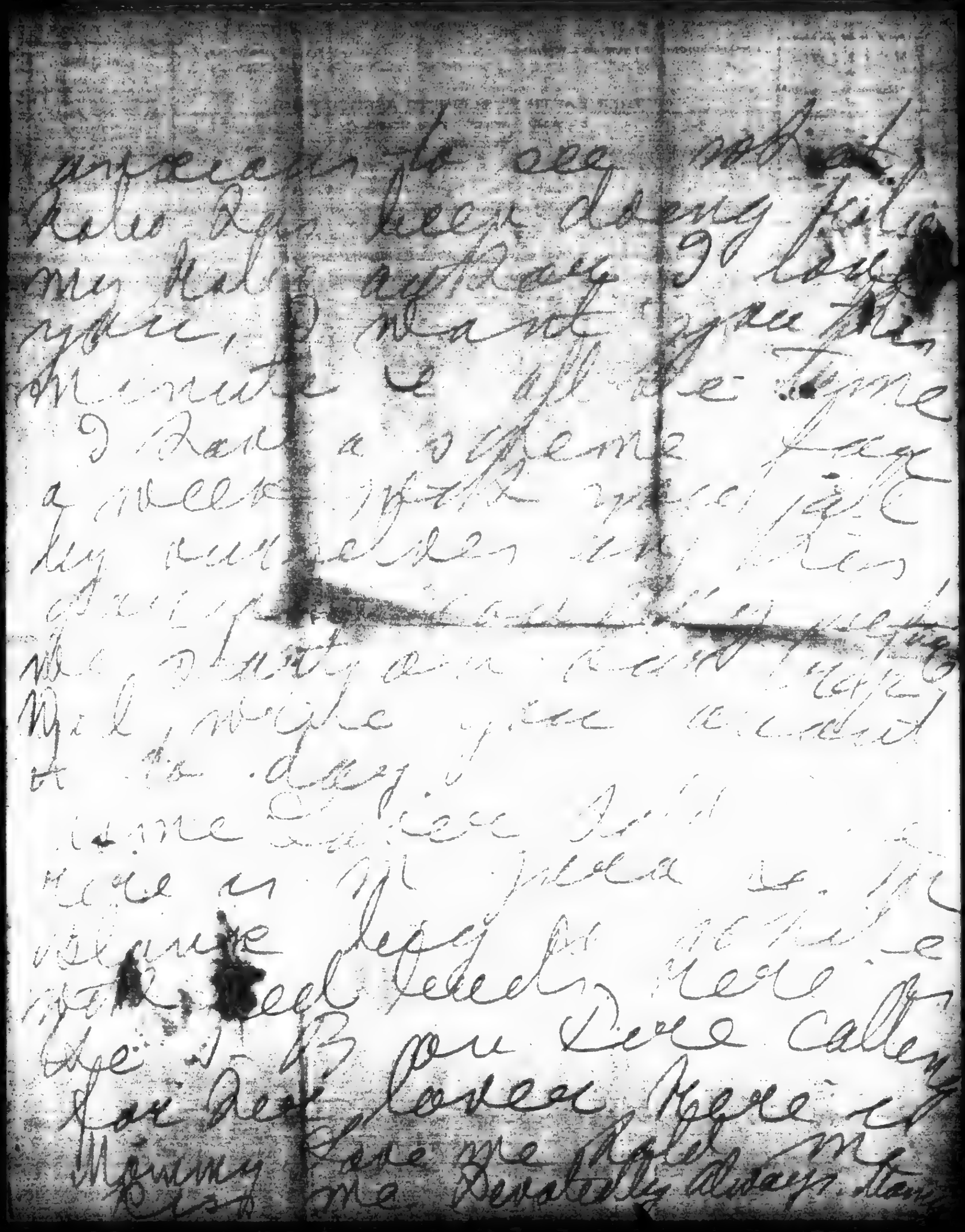

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Sept. 30th.

My Dearest Emmy .
Saha and Mee are in the office waiting and I cant say all the things I want to . I love you and I want you so muchand I want you to know that in spite of the fact that I am busy and that my Mother is hereI love you and want you more than ever. You are very close to me these days .
Last night about II.30 Hutch,Keith, Joe.,Steffens miss Marvin, and three other lights came up to the house and thank God they did not stay long and Berkman did a lot of work I gam keeping after him and Jesus it is a job/ S Goldberg gave $ 2.00 and old man Kupfer gave $ 5.00 towards your lectures and I am sending you Paul Kunter Le~~XXXXXX~~ letter.
Most of the ten thousands cards are gone I go to Haywwod meeting tonight. he addresses the striking Pino workers to night. Joe will adddressthe Woman Trade Union League Friday night so you can hear and sdo him he said he wouldge to Hutches Wednesday and maybe go to you on Thursay Write him He is in Phila. to talking with Steffens but he comes back tomorrow.
Haywood was up at the house to day he goes to Lawrabce tomorrow
Business was fairly good to day lot of literatureRenewal coming in and several new subs. and I am sure it willbe better tomorrow . we will adverage tabt 4$25.00 Well lever what shall I say it is six I must dine with my mother and get out to bill meeting. tonight and tomorrow is also crowded.
I wasout in at III St to day And I get out a lot of cards.
Baby what shall I do to proove to you that I love you and Willie is wild to get his treasure box. The world is all so interesting and work and Love make life beautiful With great love
Tell me what to do about Jce.

Helen

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Dearest:-

It is after four o'clock and I have just gotten out of bed. I didn't see the use of getting up as I had nothing to get up for. That article of mine did seem venomous but I assure you that I have no grudge against anyone in the world. To have a grudge takes energy and that I have not got. I only wanted to stir the socialists up, that's all. There are a bunch of Italians and a bunch of Jewish people in this town that are keen on revolution but they do not trust the Americans. It infuriates me to see so much good material go to waste- these people, the Jews and the Italians, seem to me to have the souls of guileless children. There are forty Jewish families in this town- the women are eager to learn. But they steer clear of the Socialist local. It's awful, honey-bug! There are so many Jewish women who are eager to learn. Why, I know one Jewish family where the father educated the oldest boys to be Rabbis and the girls had to work at servants work and those boys are now nothing but pimps in my estimation; they will do anything but work - they are males, forsooth, they have testicles and are therefore very important.

It is odd, dear, but I do some

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some strange things. I go up and down alleys – I stop farmers wagons on the street and I talk to the women – everywhere there is unhappiness – everywhere is there unhappiness. I talk to Americans, Bohemians, Syrians, Italians, Irish – I talk to professional men and women – to housewives – to coal-heavers – to brick-layers – to nigger garbage men – I talk to real-estate men – to bankers – I have talked to senators – to washer-women – to bar-tenders – to superintendents of schools – I have delved into the tender-loin of every city I have ever been in – everywhere! everywhere! everywhere! the people want something – they want something – money, power. don't bring ~~it~~ They want love.

Almeda.

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Dearest. If you come to
[illegible] bring me
a lb of [illegible] black pepper
I send you love, also
a lb of Cross Cup.
From the Grocery, some black
bread of Vienna, not too big
loaf, 1 lb sweet butter, and
some matches serving, you can

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urging it. that in the basket
and we need the [illegible]
[illegible] in a separate p[illegible]
I must know when you
[illegible] I can arrange
[illegible] way to [illegible]
[illegible] mother. Unless
[illegible]
[illegible] take care for $2
[illegible] wage and [illegible]
[illegible] Anyhow write
[illegible] evening [illegible]
[illegible] letter [illegible]
the P O, or if you are out
when you came write tomorrow
Love, love and kisses
for my Hag. E

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Oct. 1st. 1912.

My little Lover.

Yes you are right what is the hurry. To live and to love is the most Important thing in life. and we try so hard to keep from living and loving. But baby Blue Eyes, I have often said that I am onl a piece of weed in a cuuent of water and I go with the stream there is no choice in the matter. I speak for my selfwhen I say that certain forces greater than my self controle me. So there you are. I do not mean to rush madly but I have to I am useing up every bit of energy that I posses in our work these day I see very little of my father or any one else and I have completely less tract of Willie. I can only abendan my self to my work because I have the consciencoeness that you love me and We are in harmony I am sure that if we had had a misunderstanding I could not do this . ßßCßCThen I am not do much the returns for our letter are slow but I am not diddipointed. I am sure that we can make things go. I am so glad that you insisted that I come outfor a little rest. I shall come out on that 3.5o train if it steps at Dobbs Ferry or Hastings I talked with Joe. this morning and he said he would come out thursday he will be at Hutchesand I thought I would meet him on the train and bring him out with me Mother will be so glad to come She was up to the house for supper last night and will be glad to get to the farm Mother love me and I get a hair cut to please her she is in the office now. I did not have a clean shirtand Beckie washed one last night and IIroned it this morning . I was at Hayweed meetinglast night and distributed cards. It was an I.W.W/ Meeting of the striking piena workers . The I. W. W. Committee tryed to stop me . but Hayweed insisted that I be allowed to distribute my cards I would have done so any way.
Well Well Lover Wish I could gather you in my arms and assure you that I love you and that nothing not even our work comes betteen us I am going to have a real rest with you I dont know about Joe. I dont think he will be in my way/ This is the first letter I wrote today it is now IO A. M. I will write you lattervin the Day Hebe

6.20 P. M.

So many things have happened durning the day that I can not begin to tell all I got out 25 letterw to day. and a lot else. I dont see any chance of an article unless Imde it after Joe meeting to night.

But busy or not I come to you Thursday and Be and Willie will have a treat of our Lives? Joe was here and intends to spend the day with you I will tell you about every thing when I see you The Call would not take our ads. under no condition.who cares.

Oh hell , am tired and I want my Momy I want to be loved. Money is coming in for the meetimgs and renewals and ect.

I hold you drink from the treasure box. With muvh Love H

Kiss

Love now and Willie
would like mountain
Clean dent necessary
Cards to circulate here

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Ossining, N.Y.
Oct. 2 1912 Wednesday

Darling mine, I write in great haste. I slept late and got the mail late, Claire & Antoine are here, but never as missing, so now must rush to catch the post man

Dear, you can say I am so happy that you are coming to Rochester with your mother. I do want to see you, but I do not want him to be in the way, and

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unless it is important
don't have him come
I will see him Sunday
Darling the 3,50 train
does not stop either
in Dobbs Ferry or Yonkers
no express trains, there
is a local 2,06, 2,50
left of these trains, may
also there is a local
3,38, which stops at
Yonkers Tarry. Do come
as early as you
can, I must see him
for lunch, or at

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least early in the afternoon, what difference does it make if you get away a few hours earlier? [illegible] you'll make up for it later, [illegible] have filled your heart with love and [illegible] T-B service.

Baby mine has given me mines because I wanted and could she easily get rid of them? It is hardly

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cold here at night
and she will need
covering to be comfortable
If she has not bring
my ~~rug~~ steamer
rug from the house
we can take it back
tomorrow. The return
Dearest, I want
you to be off Sunday
you bring me one and
a leg of mutton
instead of the other
meats, do not forget
also black tea

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sweet butter and
perring. If you want
to drink I will have
to bring Whiskey or
Wine we have beer
and that not much
had a beautiful
rate been there
not to keep in dear
boy feels pain and
I would like to come
in.
We will talk of everything
when you come.

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I am too excited over
your coming to
can not write
now. I am going
to see if Rousseau
will meet you and
if not get a key
key change & go to
an auto but you
have to get to Sing
the village garage
I do not want you
matter to make

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Better take the car
to the school house
as Rousseau may
be there in fact
I am sure I can
get him, I would
make sure now
but it is too late
to phone if he
is to go to day
Hallo, my man
my all! I want
you, I call you

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I long for you
so my are growing
big and empty
the I in anguish
for your eyes and the
sweet laughter and
dancing in darlings
Kisses! Also in
coming! I love
your fire cause more
Mannie
better let your mother
help Dear room free
the present -

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The Woods. Oct 4th. [1912]

Dear-st Nunya. I have been sweating blood preparing lectures. I do not know why I found it so difficult this year, and still more difficult is the thougght of having to speak, I can not tell you what ~~mental~~ mental agony it has caused me. Well, it will have to be faced Sunday, have compation for me.

I think I must be getting old, or perhaps worn out, I dont know what it is, just a great weariness in my soul and a growing realization of the uselessness of it all. See how the workers continue to be beaten and clubbed and all they do is political rot, it just makes me ill all over.

Dear Girl, I realy believe that with such devtion as you have for George you ought not to follow the other call, I am sure I never could, as long as I cared for Ben in such intense manner ~~as I do~~. After all you see, ones feelings must decided nothing else, and I can see how deep and intense is your feeling for George, I never imagined it to be so much, though I knew you cared a great deal. I hope you will come out of it all as brave and fine as you have in the past.

I dont know when I shall be in Pittsburg, but I want to come very much to see you, now that you have to struggle so much, but I am not more master of my time than if I were tied to a position.

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will you be able to help us when we can come?

Nothing heard of George so far, will be most happy to see him when he comes as I shall now be in the City most of the time. I have so much to do, lectures every Sunday and some week days out of the City, an anniversary of the 25th year of the death of the Chicaog martyrs, a Kropotkin birthday celebration, special M.E issue for the two events and a number of other things. I have seven of my lecture prepared but have five more to do, I also want to see much of plays this winter, though most of it is thrash, and if possible I want to hear some misik, I am more hungry for that then anything else.

I believe I wrote you that I had a visit from a woman friend of mine from New Kensington, Almeda Sperry. Did I write you? She is the most interesting of American women I have met, an odd and abnoraml type, I am going to write her to visit you. She is much alone out in that God forsaken town and is just famished for companionship . Naturally every body thinks her very imoral and crasy, because she smokes drinks and talks freely. I have been in correspondence with her for some time, and found her wonderfully interesting, in fact her letters are a great humn document which I may publish some day. Be kind to her if she comes and you like her.

write me to the City. With much, much love Your friend.

Emma

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Oct. 11th, 1912

Prof. R. M. Wenley
Ann Arbor, Mich.

My dear Mr. Wenley:

I'm enclosing a copy of a letter which might interest you. If I mistake not, you wrote me once that you have met Peter Kropotkin. At any rate, you are conversant with his works, and are therefore aware of the great importance of his contribution to modern thought.

If you cannot act in any other way on the suggestions contained in the letter, I hope that you will write to the grand old man, as he will appreciate communications form people outside the immediate ranks of Anarchism almost as much as from his own comrades.

We are planning a special Kropotkin edition of our magazine, and we have written to a number of European men of letters for contributions. We should be so glad to get something from you, if only in appreciation of Peter Kropotkin's works.

Hoping to hear from you,

Sincerely,

Emma Goldman

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Oct. 11th.

Dearest Heart:-

I have tried to keep from writing you lately, first, because I know that you are fatigued enough lecturing, without being bothered by others and second, because there is nothing in my head but inane things.

I have walked around about forty thousand drinks since the last time I wrote you. I simply cut it off short I have not been smoking so much, either and have developed quite an appetite- every thing 'tastes' good. I have also been doing work that ought to have been done long ago.

I have a sister Katherine, whose husband has been ill for a couple of years with nervous exhaustion caused by incessant work at a patent. Her husband has had to go to California for his health and she is having a hard time to get along I think she is going to send one of her children to me next week and it will be a good thing for it will keep me from smoking altogether. Perhaps you had better not send those books to me after all as I will need my money for bed-clothes and things for the kid. The kid is a little beauty and is very sweet and tender I mean to start out next week and get some subscribers for M. E. -I would have gotten them this week only I had to clean this awful house. It was awful from last week when I was drunk. But about the M. R. I know about four people that will take it right away if I only go after them- it will do them good and they will appreciate it. One dollar a year certainly wont cover its actual worth.

Dearest, wont I be a peach to take care of a kid? I can get alone with the kid I was talking about, tho, for she <u>is</u> a sweet, tender flower. I am going to let her go to school or not go to school, just as she wants; they cannot compel me to send her to school as I have a certificate of my own.

Dearest, I am glad that you said to me what you did about patient understanding and about bring out better things in Fred. You speak the truth. Fred is like a barometer- and I am the atmosphere which controls him but it is hard to keep cheerful all the time

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and hold up the spirits of another when one's soul is in the depths and when the other person happens to be unreasonable and irritable.

I feel pretty well balanced tonight. Of course, I have an ache for you but it is a sad ache, not a passionate ache. I do not believe in allowing passion to [illegible] one's head for then it is not love but lust

There has been quite a stir in Pittsburg lately in connection with the "Moral Efficiency Commission." They are sticking their puking mugs in everybody's business. Two men belong to the commission ~~[illegible]~~ telephoned to a young woman, making an appointment with her- they went to her apartments and arrested her; they now have her at the "Home of the Good Shephards." The girl was put out in the world when she was fifteen years of age and became an artists model. It seems that lately she has been supported by about four young men. She had just paid her tuition at a school of stenography for a whole term and now that is all spoiled; she is still at the home of the Good Shephards. The editor of the Pittsburg Press had her picture in the paper and her whole history. O, how I love men-[illegible].

I kiss your dear hands.

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Oct. 12

So far I rec'd about
about $20.00 worth of
which when I need for
personal expense

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Oct. 17th

Dearest. I wonder what has died me up so suddenly that I am unable to pour my heart out to you...?

That kid is not coming to me for awhile as the whole family is quarantined — one of the younger children has diphtheria.

I am going to my mother's tonight. I fear she is dying. My mother has sent for me to nurse her. My mother has had bad luck financially [illegible]. Last Saturday I went out there and found that she had no fresh eggs for a week and was out of medicine. She wouldn't tell me of her own accord but I sensed it somehow [illegible] and wormed the truth out of her. My mother is very proud. I do not think my mother will last [illegible] longer as she [illegible] so much blood and has

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convulsions from the pain in her jaw.

I am glad my mother wants to.

Dearest, I destroyed you in a dream last night. You were a rose - a great, yellow rose with a pink centre - but the petals were folded one upon the other so tightly. I prayed to them to yield to me and held the rose close to my lips so that my warm breath might persuade them to open. Slowly, slowly they opened, revealing great beauty - but the pink, virginal centre of the flower would not unfold until the tears gushed from my eyes when it opened suddenly, revealing in its centre a crystal drop - dew. I sucked the dew and bit out the heart of the flower. The petals dropped to

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ground one by one. I crushed them with my heel and their odor wafted after me as I walked away.

Almeda.

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Oct. 18th, 1912.

Honey-bug:-

You are quite close to me tonight, for some reason. Lately, I have held out to you imploring arms but you did not seem to respond. I am feeling so well, dearest, that I am beginning to perceive how it is that some people can degenerate into beings that live merely to eat. I am still not drinking and feel quite tame- so tame, please notice, that I do not even feel like swearing.

I went out to see my mother; she only wanted to see me, that was all. Poor old dear, she suffers terribly and the only thing one can do for her is to treat her gently. When I came away I kissed her hand and she burst into a wild fit of weeping

Oct 21st.

I have been all in from my experience with my mother and from a cold on the lungs. My mother said to me, between gasps, "If I had only given you a beating the first time you refused to go to Sunday school." I want so much to cry but cannot.

I am reading Hutch's book again and am enjoying it; the first time I read it, it gave me the horrors, especially when one day a drop of water came from the ceiling and hit me on the nose. I immediately

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I drank until the walls were alive with creeping things. I raised hell 'til they fixed the roof and then I quit and no one could get me drunk again if they were to give me a million dollars.

You know I that I could love Hutch Hapgood but I have had a revulsion against him for there is a compromising savor to his writings. "A tragic limitation to the social rebel?" Yes, but only when the social rebel allows himself to be swathed by bandages of lethargy.

Dearest, could you send me a couple of copies of Berkman's book? I have every afternoon free and my cold is almost better and while I am out selling the book I will be away from cigarettes. You will be helping me that way. If you pay the expressage on the

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books [redacted]
I am going to get a list of all the radical people in this valley and I mean to visit them all. I want to make my place the headquarters for Anarchist literature in Allegheny valley and I will. Fred is kicking but he will have to get over it.

The reason I want another copy of the book is because I can't get orders without a copy and I wont allow anyone else to fumble over mine.

So long! I'm going to get dressed and sell a couple of M. E's. This cold is something fierce - hurts from front to back but its getting better. Sovingly

A.

Nell Davis wrote to me today. She says she misses my demonstrative spasms more than she should tell me.

[illegible] day [illegible] money in [illegible] town only on [illegible] 26th [illegible]

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[illegible] Can't you send
[illegible] from the mail. I then [illegible]
[illegible] the expression age off the
[illegible] and
[illegible]

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Oct. 20th, 1912

My dear Nunya:

By this time you have probably read Alex's book, so you will know whether the pain and anxiety the making of it has caused us has been worth while. You cannot begin to imagine how relieved we all feel, although the anxiety is by no means ended. There is a terrific ~~burde~~ burden on our backs which will take years to pay off, not to speak of the general spiritual anxiety as to how the book will be received. Not that it really matters much since we feel that no one could possibly appreciate the depth and the spirit which prompted the writting of it, but nevertheless it is rather a strange sensation to send one's child out into the world.

However, it isn't that that I really started to write you about. There is another thing more important. It is this. Thanksgiving will be just twenty years since I went to Pittsburg to see Berkman, two months after his terrible sentence. It will mark a great event in our lives which I couldn't celebrate in a more appropriate manner than by going to Pittsburg, in behalf of Berkman's book. Will you help me realize this desire? I would like to have two meetings on Thanksgiving which is on Thursday is the 28th of Nov. In the afternoon at three o'clock on Berkman's book, and in the evening on Syndicalism. I would like to make both popular meetings, and therefore charge 15¢ admission. Would you undertake the arrangements and could you get some of the Merrick

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bunch to help you. By the way, Merrick has asked for the sole agency of the book in Penn., which we are glad to give him. I think that my speaking there on the book will help to advertise it tremendously. Also, I could have a Jewish meeting Friday night, Nov. 29th. Please dear, let me know at once if you could arrange the matter. Neddless to say, Ben will come a few days in advance to give the arrangements the finishing touch, but of course, in such an important issue, there will be a lot of work connected with the undertaking, which I'm sure you wull carry out conscientiously.

I had hoped to hear from you dear, in response to my letter, but I take it that the spirit did not move you to write. Its alright, I understand. George has been a great joy and help to us. The very first day of his arrival he came to the office and did the work there as if he had belonged there all his life, and there was so much work to do to send out a thousand books in three days, also he has acted as a veritable angel in helping us out with a substantial loan. I don't blame you for being so attached to him, I almost feel like falling in love with him myself. Unfortunately, I have been so rushed and busy, that I haven't even been able to have him up for a meal at the house. But I will before he leaves, not so much for the eating part as for the sociability. Write me as soon as possible as I am very anxious.

With much love,

Emma

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[illegible] Trust [illegible]
[illegible]

Oct 21

Do you know, dear, that sometimes I feel quite cruel towards you? When I do not hear from you I wish I were a giant with thirty league boots. I would stride to where you are, grab you up with my big paws and dump you down into the middle of this community and whenever you would try to escape I would push you back into it again just to let dispair creep into your heart. I would like to strike you in the mouth. I think, "She is at the tail end of a blind alley anyhow. To hell with other people- damn the swine! they do not understand any part of her and she is giving, giving, giving herself to them. She will die in extreme poverty, if she does not die in harness- like poor Ouida who was so good to others in the days of her affluence." And then I think, "Can it be possible that I feel vulgar jealousy? Well, this is the first time." And then- and then- I kiss your feet and ask for forgiveness.

Oct. 22

And then sometimes I think, "Perhaps she is just studying me - all my personalities for the good of her cause - studying this peculiar product of our civilization. Her cause is first. But if I were really assured of this fact I would carve her heart out. Mark how the blood spurts! But by carving her heart out, Almeda, you would only acknowledge your weakness and you do love to kiss her hands, Almeda, and lay your head on her wonderful bosom. So get strong, Almeda, get strong - as she is and such unbidden thoughts will not come into your head. And haven't you had proof that the human side responds to you? But her cause - her

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her cause comes first! But doesn't it in you, Almeda? I think! What else is worth while living for! Sower your head in shame. Does not that burn out? Where is the joy in it? It consumes the body - it is a destroying appetite that can never be quenched - it ends in madness. What do you know, you cold thing? You sit there calmly judging me. Are you the one who feels? No! you are uninspired. Do you think you are the stronger one, you fool? I am just waiting until your body gets stronger and I will dissipate your strength away for then it is that I think in leaps and bounds and, after all, dispassionately - for you are part of me - you know that. I need you - you are the one who attends to the every day things of no real moment. The one who buttons and unbuttons - the one washes dishes. Bah, you, you! don't you think I'd send you away if I did not need you? Canaille! I am the gnome who sits at the top of your intelligence.

The gnome is gone. I am covered with sweat. I am ill.

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Oct. 11th. [1912]

Wilbur Macy Stone.
New York City.

My Dear Mr. Stone.

This will introduce Comrade Caminita, one of Miss Goldman collegue. He is a good ornamental draughtman and has had a large experience is this line of work. He was employed by the Alaveine Co. He is a little too radical for the adverage employer.

He has been out of work for some ~~some~~ time and is willing ~~to~~ work in an architect office for a small salary in order that he may support his family.

If you could suggest something to him we would be happy.

Sinverely. Dr. L. Reitman

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Oct. 23rd, 1912

Dear Friend:

The annual reunion of Mother Earth will take place this year on Christmas Eve. Dec. 24th. We hope that you will be able to join us and induce your friends to do the same.

We are enclosing tickets which we hope you will be able to dispose of

Sincerely,

Emma Goldman

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Oct 24th. [1912]

Dearest Nunya. At last an answer to my last letter. I was begining to grw uneasy and had decided to wire you to day in case you did not write. ~~Ciro~~ Ordinarily, I am not anxious or impatient, but my going to Pittsburg for Thanksgiving means so much to me, that I shall not rest until I know difinitely if it can be arranged.

First of all, let me correct your mistake, it is not to be Nov. 30th, but Nov. 28th, the last Thursday in the month, which is Thanksgiving. The reason as I have already written you, is, that 20 years ago on on the same date I went to visit Berkman in the Penitentiary, little dreaming at the time, that ~~me~~ he or I would live to see him free and with his bars a reality. You see the importence?

Now, what I want, are two English meetings for Thurssday Nov. 28th, in in the afternoon about 3 o'clock on Berkmans book, in the evening on Syndicalism. I also want a Jewish meeting for Friday evening Nov 29th on some other subject, but that has time, just so you secure the Halls for the ~~m~~ meetings Hall for the English and Jewish meetings. We may also try to hold meeting in New Castle, Mckees Rock and New Kensington, but some one else will look after that.

Dear, in referring to the Merrick "bunch" I did not mean to embarrass you or ask you to apply to these people because you happen to be for the man. I referred to them because Merrick has written asking Berkman

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for the sole agency of his book which led me to think that he would be in interested enough to assisit with a meeting dealing with the book. Also, that he might be sufficiantly interested to help with a meeting on Syndicalism since, as you said, he is of the revolutionary kind. And, if he does, I think his immidiate comrades would. I hope you do not misunderstand.

Dear Girl, as George has said very little about your affairs I could not possibly ask him anything. I know you and he will tell me what you want me to know. George did say that you intend to come to him, I hope you can both settle in N.Y because I feel the life here would fill out much of your craving which you cyld not have in Pittsburg or Philadelphia

I do hope dearest Nunya you will immidiately take the matter of the meetings in hand, and if possible stay in Pittsburg at least until all the preliminary arrangemnents are made, of course I should like you to be there when I come, but I do not expect you to wait on my accoun Just so the Halls are rented, cards printed and the meetings announced in the radical press, Ben could go the last week before the meetings and leave after the rest, if you must leave, or I could get my New Kensington friend Almida Sperry to look after the matter when you are gone, meanwhile I place things in your hands.

Please let me know as soon as you have the Hall or even before, as I am very anxious whether I can carry out my plans to bring Berkmans back to the place where he has suffered so many years, it

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means so much to me. Alex was very happy with your appreciation. Yes his book is truly great, but who will ever guess what it has cost me, what I I have endured, what pains struggles and tears to make it possible. Why dear, it was worse than nursing an incurable sufferer back to life, for Berkman is such a difficult case to deal with. I am all worn out mentally and pshychically. But I do not regret, because the value of the book makes up for all.

I do hope you will write me soon. With much love.

Emma

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The office Oct. 28th.

My Mommy Dear:

Sunday was a full day and brought sorrow . I spoke of Sex question in the afternoon and we had a serious frank discussion of Variety, Preversion and Masturbation. I have never heard a more frank discussion of sex on the street. I gave part of my San Francisco lecture. It went on fine and I sold several dollars worth of books. and advertised our meetings well. The I. W. W. had a crowd Ibut I took it away. and they were provoked. then sever al boys put their stands close to mine and begin giving me hall and making fun of what I said. They took part of my crowd away.

Sorrow No. ~~o~~ne The crowd want to me amused and a dog fight or a clown can make a serious meeting a fizzile.

Last night I spoke on the Wear Side next to a Socialist and ofcourde took away his crowd. Then the Socialist f-amed at the mouthand denouncred Sex and free Love.

Sorrow No. 2 . These young Socialist have no Ideals no Toleration.

Last night Weber sopke on Chicago Ave. And his Crowd was tremendous over 1000(He can get a bigger crowd than all of us together) He abused the Catholics as is his habit .he always is talking about the Sins of the preachers and ect. He called the Irish, Washwomen and policeman. and ofcourse the Catholics were sore . and amob. wanted to beat Weber up. I tried to help wWeber and some of the Crowd tried to beat me up Weber was not touched.

Sorrow no 3 The Free Thought propogania has given birth to hatred and strife and as a result of men working men and women are ready to kill each other for superstition.

I got the stand aad after the police quited every thing ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ I AM SURE YOU WILL THINK THAT STREET SPEAKING HAS DEVELOPED A BOO. Sorrow No. 4 Mommy dont love me and Mommy dont write me nice letters. . I miss you and I want the pure white Mountainsand I want the Tr E. I would be ferfectly happy if you would love me and write me kind lettere I think It is almost time to get our a circular letter to our subs. about the Chicago meetings. I inclose a suggestion. Write the letter and sign it and Address the envelopes and I will inclose the tickets or you can do that I Would not send out many course tickets. if thhet want them they can get them.

Life is good I hold you close

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Oct 29th. [1912]

Dearest Nunya. Am sending you to day copy for our circulars. We must have a circular even if it costs a little more because it is our only way of advertisng Alex book, besides it makes a better impression. I do not know how many you might need, but Merrick will surely be able to advise. It costs here $ 2 per thousand, but will probably cost more in Pittsburg. At any rate, we ought to have 10,000 if you can find enough people to help distribute.

The ads to Justice and the other socialist paper, we will send direct, a little later, as there is still lots of time for that, the main thing is the circular and its distribution, and a sign later on.

I wonder if Merrick could recommend us somebody in McKees Rock, will you ask him, dear? Sperry will look after New Kensington and possibly the Solidarity people after New Castle, Ben will write them to day

I do hope you will be successful with the Jewish Hall, surely the I. W. W. will not be so narrow as to refuse us the use of the Hall, though I have known them to do th at before. Well, we must wait. I think I will speak in Jewish about Berkmans book, after all, they may be more interested than the Americans especially since the Freie Arbeiter Stimme had a very fine review of the book and the Wahrheit and Vorwrts are bound to have it by that time. I might even get some Freie Arbeiter readers to help distribute the Jewish hand bills, or even do the work altogether, the main thing is the Hall

It is alright dear, about your staying, I understand the situation perfectly and know you must follow your own best judgement. Just so you can stay until the thing is well under way, meanwhile you may find some one who will continue distributing the circulars after you are gone and until Ben comes.

George was here an hour ago, he left for Philadelphia to return soon. Oh, I do hope you can settle here, it would be such a treat to have you in our busy lives. George was a great help to us, a real comfort. He will no doubt tell you all about our banquet last night, it had many wonderful moments, but also agonizing ones

Well, dear, keep me posted how things are going and also about yourself.

With much love
Emma

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P.S. If you go before the I W W Friday, you might impress upon them that I want to speak about Berkman's hopes, and the importance of it. E

Dear. We came to the conclusion that 5000 circulars will do for the present, we may have more later if these are judiciously distributed. Ask the prisoner people to keep the comfortable if they can. We are sending now the rest for Berkman's hopes so they will only have to set up 2 pages. E

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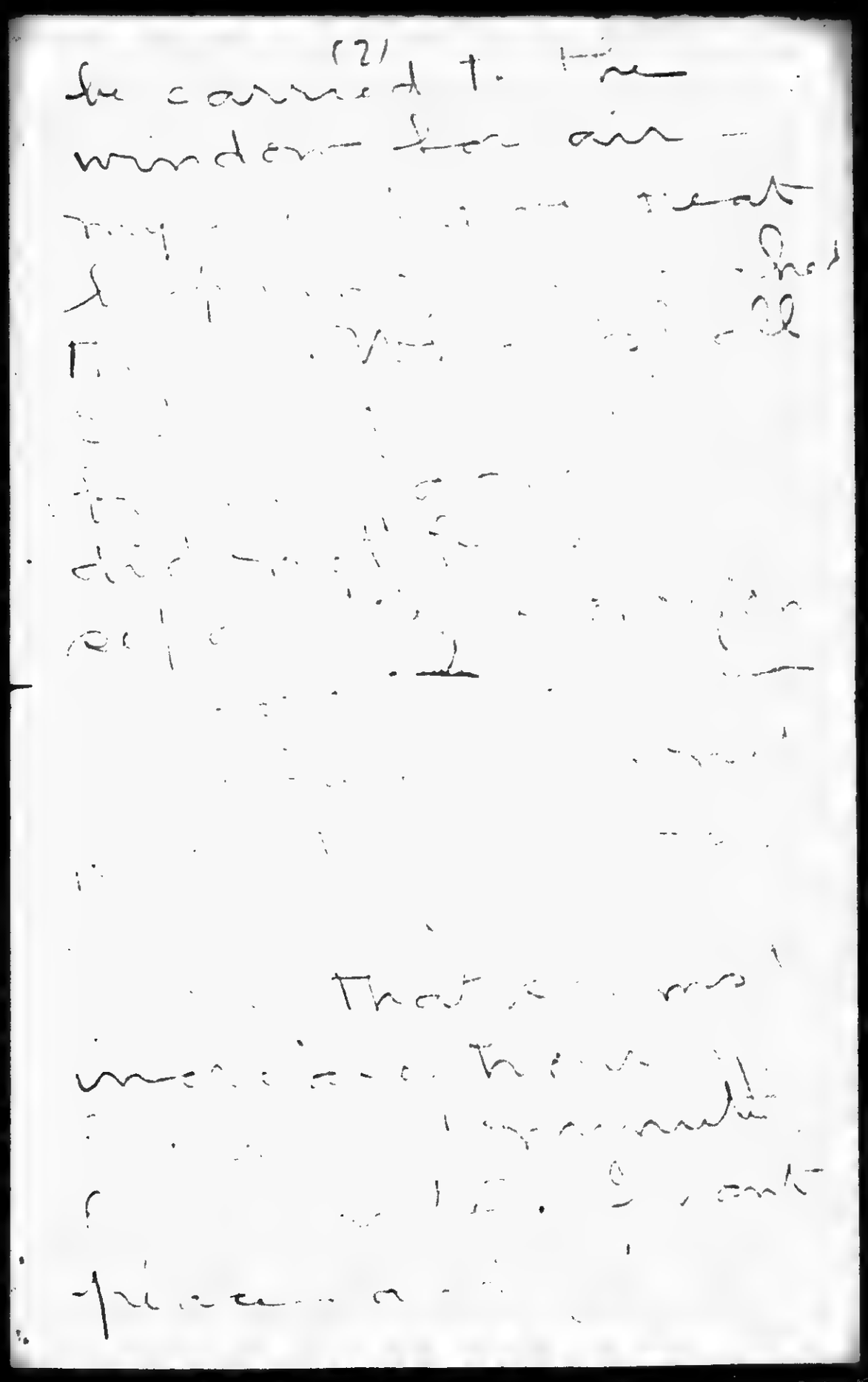

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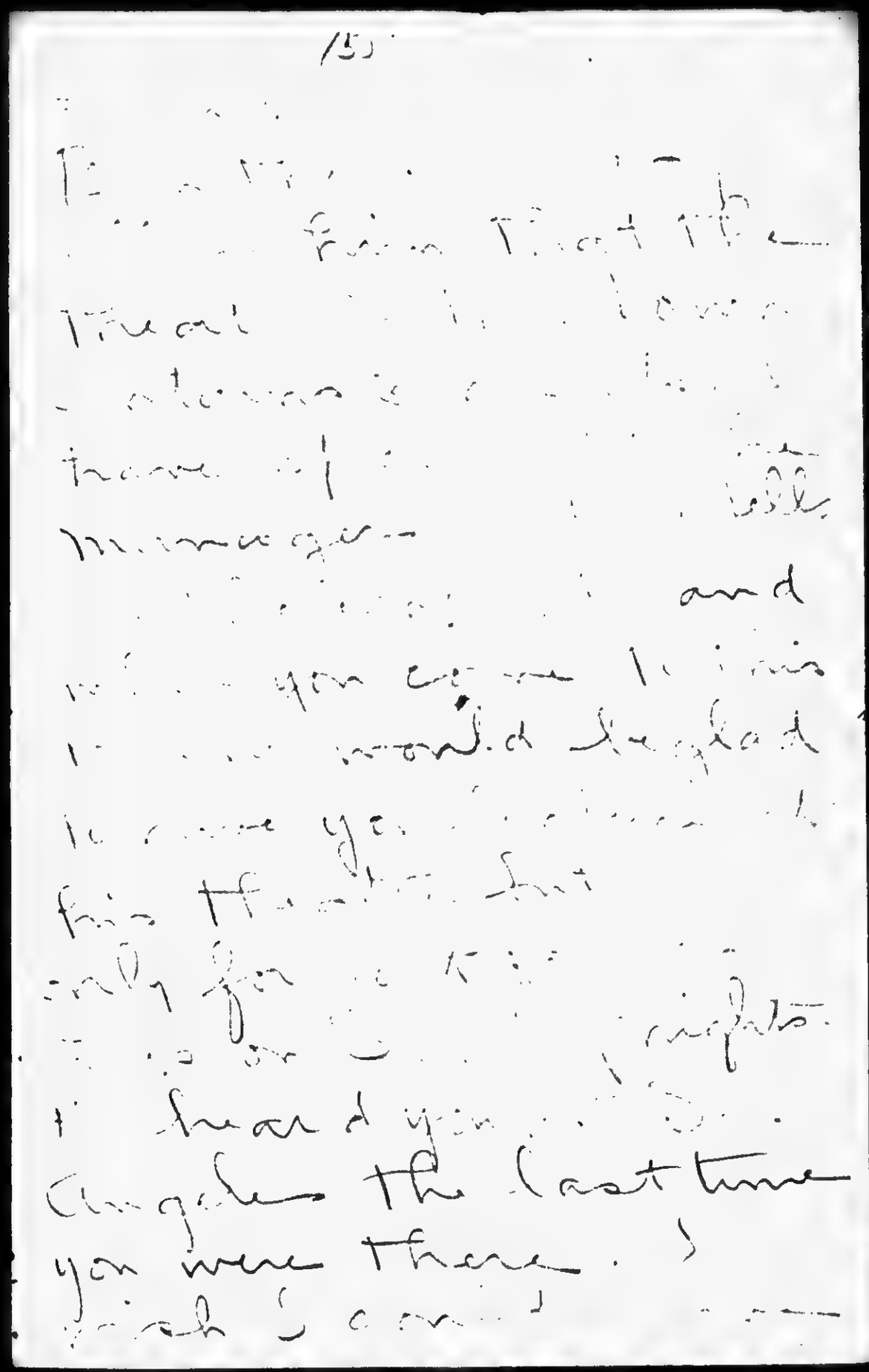

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I am returning Gorky's Book. I feel well this afternoon

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Nov. th, 1912.

Dearest:-

Thank you for being so very nice to me when I do not deserve it. Yes, please give us a lecture on Syndicalism if I can procure a hall. We certainly need it. The working-men of this town are not organized; there are but nine members in the Machinist's Union here. Each man is afraid of the other one; if one man tells another how much he is being paid for his labor he is immediately discharged. The workers of this town are squelched flatter than a pan-cake. On second thoughts, tho, I think it would be better to announce a Berkman lecture together with a discussion of syndicalism. I am running this end of it and I would take seven kinds of fits if you lost out financially. And right here let me beg your pardon for offering to borrow money for you. I always mean well but have my crude spells. The rent of that hall will not have to be paid until the day of the lecture and the reason of that is because the socialists stung the manager when the cartoonist, Lockley, was there and the manager is not going to be stung again

The circulars will be well distributed. I will personally hand them to the working-men as they leave the shops and will have them put in all the dwellings around here.

The only people that I know in McKees Rocks are liquor dealers who would knock my block off if I mentioned your name to them. The only person I know in New Castle is Alexander Stirton. I wrote a letter to him about a week ago but have not heard from him. Is he still editor of Solidarity? He used to like me but some of my dear socialist friends knocked on me to him. If I were not as poor as a river rat I would go to both places and arrange meetings for you; such work suits me right down to the ground. I never have a pain nor an ache when I am doing work like that. I don't even know I have a body at such times.

Do you notice the years I am taking? I'm out of cigarette papers. And damn!

Berkman's book is the work of a genius. It has made me realize the also, the sincerity of a true revolutionary; the sincerity of a true revolutionary is as near to absolute truth as it is possible in a universe where all things are relative I have a deep affection for

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him and a wholesome awe. I have a wonderful, deep and lasting affection for him and it is a greater affection than the ordinary love between a man and a woman. I cannot explain- it is an impersonal affection and yet I feel at a oneness with him. I have gulped the book whole, I have nibbled at it, I have played with it as a cat does with a mouse and again and again I have returned to it to pick out some little expression that appealed to me. Fred says that all I have done since reading it is to sit and stare into nothingness. He says "Ihem damned anarchists have ruined you so that you don't even hear me when I speak to you- its got to be stopped." Emma, I never read books unless they are written by a genius. I may start to read them but cannot finish. I'd go insane if I did. You remember I couldn't read Lowrie that time in the country. Only books written by geniuses appeal to me for life is too short- life is too short. See how the minutes hurry by, never to return; they tumble over themselves running away from us.

I sold one of Berkman's books to a man who works in the court house in Pittsburg. You know there is a big stir created by the moral efficiency commission. This man has a wife with whom he lives and in the same house lives the constable who arrested Merrick in Pittsburg- you know that time when they made Merrick attend religeous services. Now, why don't the moral efficiency commission get after such hounds? Then a Carnegie man has a copy in his office and he reads it when the office goes out in the evening; he is afraid to take it home for fear his own family will tell on him and he will lose his job or be reprimanded. I am just beginning to learn what cowards men are. I am ever having trouble getting men to help me with the meeting. They are afraid of their jobs. Jobs! jobs! Hell!

~~Along~~, ~~Emma~~, I jingle! and I make a profound bow.

Lovin'ly,

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Come, be en[illegible]pport with me
"Come to me, [illegible] that I seek in
vain
Bring thou; [illegible] to, ~~Thy~~ my spirit send
Peace after care; [illegible] balm after pain;
And be my friend."

One whom I have smiled at me
Today — the unfathomable mist
of solitude

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Friday.

Darest:-

Arranged for sign- arranged for notices in two capitalist papers in this town. Try Tarentum and Oakmont Monday. Hurry tickets.

Lovingly,

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Dear Emma You win!

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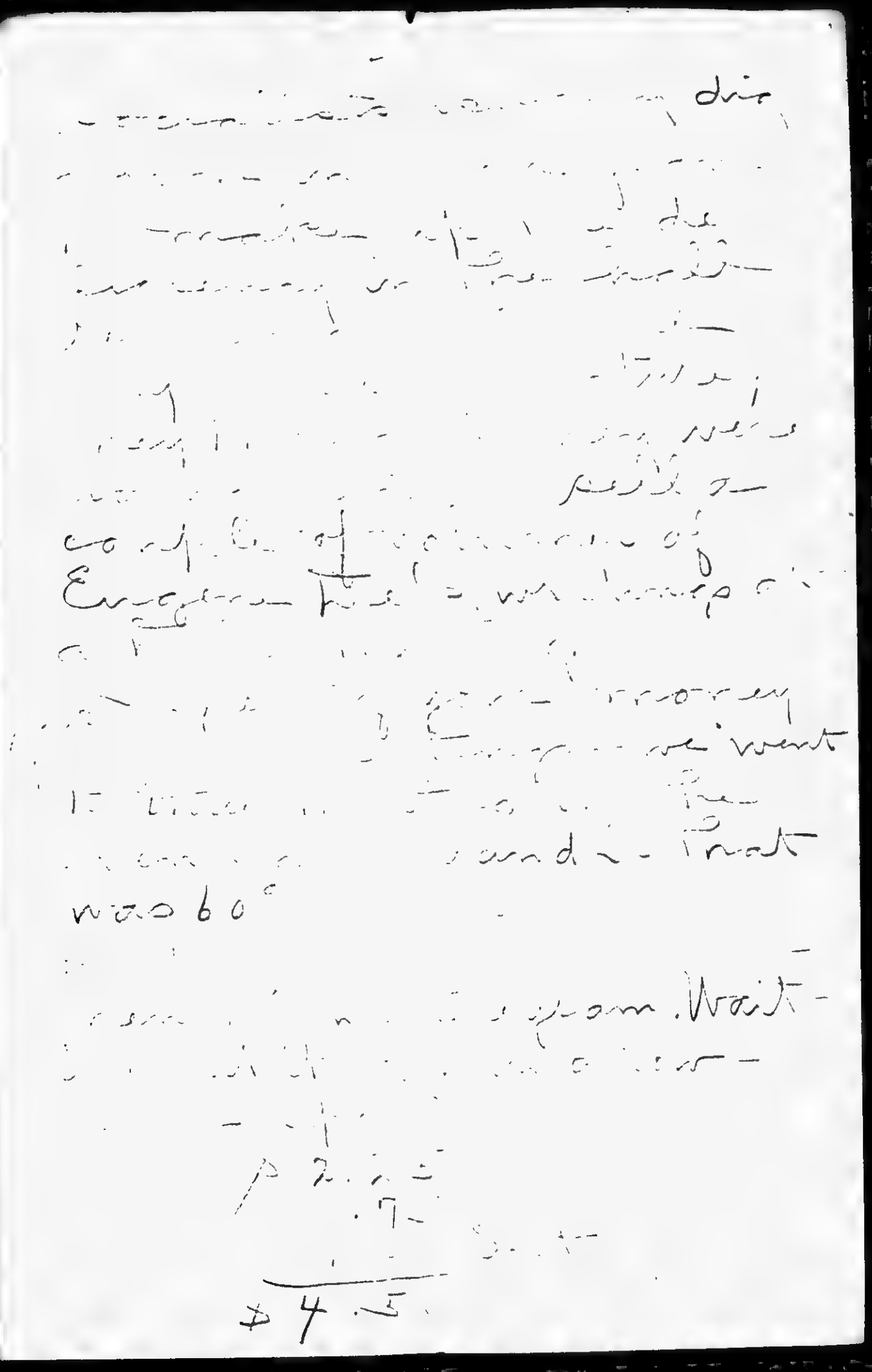

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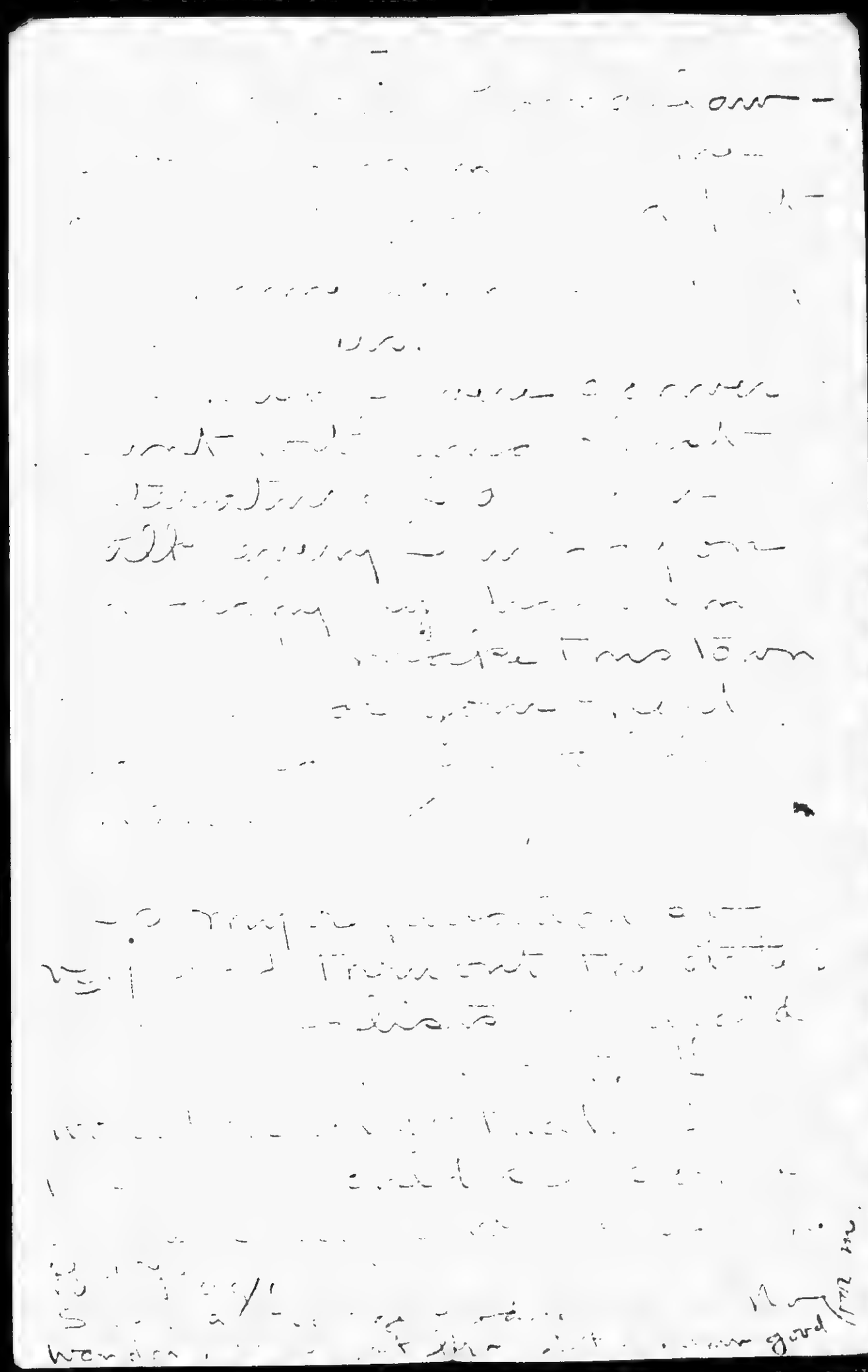

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Nov. 1st., 1912.

Dearest:-

You mean Nov. 25th, instead of the 24th, don't you? That is on Monday of the last week of Nov. I ~~xxx~~ cannot get the one hall I was after because It is rented every Monday night. The manager of the theatre says he will let me know on the 4th whether I can have the lecture hall upstairs of the theatre; it is vile and will seat about four hundred. He says, "My rules are, no profane language and no stamping of feet and no disorder- like anybody hollering, 'Kill the son-of-a-bitches.'" That struck my funny bone, Emmy. I can imagine how he wouldn't want any stamping of feet for that would disturb the vaudeville downstairs. I am finding pressure to bear upon him tomorrow. He thinks that he will let me have it. He wants the money in advance [illegible] of the lecture. I'll get Rachael to advance it if you do not care to. You've got to come here, Emmy, for the people need you awfully; there are two tin mills in this town, a lead works, the aluminum works of the whole United States and three minutes ride up the river is a window glass works and then you know this Westmoreland county is famous for the rotten way the coal miners have been treated. Why, Emmy, you've got to come. If I cannot get a hall here I have friends over in Tarentum who can probably get me a hall. Tarentum have men in it that have some get up in them. If you want to hear about some of the dirt that has been done to all the workers up here I can get men to tell you straight off the bat. I advocated direct action to some of the socialists here two years ago- before I even heard of it and they told me I was crazy but now they are sneakingly investigating it. Emmy, I even go into kitchens in hotels and talk to the scrub-rats- there is a little- table in the hall of a hotel here where I meet the wives of working men and I talk and talk and talk and even the men discuss me in saloons and one hotel woman told me that the men say I am all right only for the home.

I was talking to [illegible] the other day- he took hold of my hands, kissed them and said, "By God! if only the other women knew what you do us fellows would get along all right." O God! the stories people tell me.

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Only this morning there was a man here to see me- he was raised in the "Tommy" region of Pittsburg- was a news-boy when he was a kid- he came in one day and asked me if I would please rub his leg as he had rheumatism- he pulled his trousers down and I rubbed him and he said it made him well- no thought of sex. I have to chase him away- he wearies me. His wife is a bitch and if she knew he came to see me she would sue him for alimony for that is all she is after. He says, "I love you! I love you!" I feel so sorry for a man like that when I can't love him back.

I got the editor of the Free Press fired out of his seat and there wont be any more damned religeon in it; if there is, I will ruin the paper and they know it.

If you come here I will have a leaflet about you put in the mail-box or door-way of every house from Oakmont(that's full of swells) up to Braeburn, on this side of the river and from Springdale to Natrona on the other side of the river and of course put notices in the paper and if I don't fill the hall then it is not my fault.

I've been sick again. I caught a cold and last Saturday night I was unhappy about you and miserable and I went down to Pittsburg and got on a street car and rode in some bars until 1.30 in the morning and then went to a hotel and stayed there until Sunday evening and had it out with the devil; it was the only way I could have any privacy. I thought I was going to pipe out and if I was going to pipe out it would be by myself.

I sold the rest of those books but wont get the money until some time next week. I can get some placed in the window of a book seller in this town but he wants 50¢ on each book and that is too much, isn't it and how would you arrange about the postage or expressage with a bookseller. You know the book is marked on the cover $1.50. You let me know and I will try to place some of them in book stores in Pittsburg.

Thank you for being so nice and kind to me. Don't mind me when I have bats in my belfry.

Lovingly,

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Nov. 2nd, 1912.

My dear Annie:-

I want to thank you for the splendid address you made at the Berkman banquet. It isn't that you expect thanks, but that I feel gratified to find at least one woman in this city in the Socialist ranks who retains her revolutionary spirit, and is big and fair enough to do justice to a work like Berkman's. I fear me very much that very few other Socialists will appreciate the book, or if they do, will have the courage to express their appreciation publicly.

Of course, very little is to be expected from the capitalistic press, although the Globe tonight has a very sympathetic review, but on the whole, I think, that it will either be silenced or referred in a few insignificant and nasty lines. If only we had advertising facilities, or a way of bringing the book into the unions, I shouldn't feel so depressed with the thought that not only was the first act misunderstood, but that the second one too will not reach those it is intended for.

The principal place of circulation will have to be my meetings, but there is one other way of calling attention to it, and that is through our personal friends like yourself. I wonder if you could not induce such magazines as the American and the Cosmopolitan to take reviews, and could you speak to your cousin, who works on the Post? Possibly there are other magazines or papers through

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Saturday. Nov. 2nd

Dearest:-

Can let you know about the Columbus theatre hall Monday and about the Odd Fellow's Hall on Tuesday. There are two hundred and fifty seats in the Odd Fellow's banqueting Hall- can't have the lodge room. Price Five Dollars. Raphael thinks the Columbus Hall is to be preferred as so many people around here are interested about the Homestead strike. Columbus Hall is Fifteen Dollars. Will also see about the old theatre, which is now a club room. If I cannot get anything else I will hire seats and fill Sayer's business college if I can get it. I don't want you to lecture in an old dump of a hall in my town and will pay half the rent if you think Fifteen dollars too much.

Lovingly,

Almeda.

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Dearest Nun. I have been waitng anxiously to hear from you or get a copy of the circular. I suppose you have waited to learn of the I W W Hall I see Merrick was arrested, I hope it is not serious and that he will come out alright.

Please dear write me soon and do not forget to let me know if you can find anybody in McKees Rock to take the arrangements of the meetings in hand. Am working day and night, you can imagine how I feel, but it leaves me no time for personal reflections which is good, since in our scheme of things it hurts to think much of ones own troubles.

With much love.

Emma.

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New York, Nov, 4, 1912.

Miss Emma Goldman,
55 W. 28th St.,
New York City.

My dear Miss Goldman:

Your letter of the 2d of November is at hand. The circular, which you said was enclosed, by some oversight, was not there. However, I will personally order 10 copies of the book, which I would like to be sent one Wednesday forenoon.

Under our by-laws, we cannot send out our list. It is on stencils, bulky, and you must have a special brand of addressing machine to utilize it. But we will address your envelopes for you, if you send them up. We will very gladly do the work for you gratis. I will amount to the same thing, you see.

Sincerely,

John T McRoy

Rec'd by Em S.G. 11/6/12

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November 7th, 1912.

Miss Ellen A. Kennan,

Denver, Colo.

My dear Miss Kennan:-

I was very happy to hear from you. It seemed such a long time since I wrote you last in response to your letter. I feared you had forgotten me because you did not write, but when I read all the complimentary things you said to me, I knew it was lack of time that induced your silence for so long.

I was amused by the quotation from Mrs. Tausig's letter to you, apropos of her inability to become better acquainted with me, because I was surrounded by fashionable and wealthy women; it was really very funny. I don't think she wanted very much to get acquainted with me, but possibly she took the shadow for the substance, else she would have realized that the ladies who attended my class, while very charming, never meant very much to me, with the exception of a few who were neither fashionable nor wealthy, among them Mrs. MacFarlane and Mrs. Hessler. The latter, by the way, only attended one lecture. However, you may tell Mrs. TUassig that when I come back to Denver next Spring, I shall be very happy indeed to have a simple breakfast with her, rather than with the society ladies.

About my return to Denver, of course I shall be there for a few lectures, during my regular tour, if I tour at all; for the few people I have met there, and my drama work especially have endeared the city to me. I wish I could find enough interest to remain

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in Denver a month, but I could not do it unless I had a sufficient number of men and women interested, who would promise to take a course, and what is more, I should have to know a considerable time in advance. The summer work was very satisfactory from the intellectual social point of view, but it barely paid expenses, and with the burdens I carry on my back, I can not undertake such a luxury. If I could get a class of 25 or 30 people to register in advance, I might remain in Denver for the Summer, once I get there. What do you think about it? Also how many in your own circle of acquaintance would care to continue the drama work? I have a great desire to give a course of talks on Nietzsche, especially as his complete works have just been published by MacMillan. This is all the more necessary and timely because the translators evidently had not the slightest inkling what a gigantic mind and figure he was; and I feel that I want to voice my indignation against such an intellectual sacrilege. I wonder if there are any people in your city who would be interested in such a vital subject. I do not believe that I will take up the course on Eugenics. I have been bitterly disappointed in some of the works I have read, and what whatever Eugenics may eventually become, at present the Eugenists are a set of narrow minded and limited faddists. This was brought to my attention from the reports of the Eugenists Congress in London, where of all the wouldbe scientists, only Peter Kropotkin and two others proved the relation between the social forces and the poss-

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ibility of being wellborn, while all the others absolutely ignored this phase. Itis disheartening, just as bad as the movement for the sex sterilization of criminals and feebleminded. I paid my respects to the latter last Sunday, and will deliver the same address, if I stay long enough in Denver.

Perhaps the Monroes have already told you about "Prison Memoirs of An Anarchist", and as you exchange books, you may already have read it. If so, you will agree with me that it is a great work and a wonder ful human document. I hope you can get a copy of your own, and induce all your friends to get the book, and that not because I am personally interested in spreading Mr. Berkman's work, but because it seems to me that it is something that everyone who thinks and feels should read. Will you and Miss Kafe consider yourselves our representatives and induce people to buy the book; also to try and get it placed in the libraries? As I wrote another friend of ours, the very greatness of the book will stand in its way of fair and sympathetic treatment on the part of the reviewers. I doubt whether many will know what to make of it, as it is unique in American Literature. I would rather it were that way, than that the book had been poorer, but on the other hand, we must ask our friends to help us make the work known, and I know you will not refuse your assistance.

I am sorry to hear that Miss Kafe is so frail. It must be very trying for her to teach, but on the other hand, children need just such a personality, only it is a pity that she could not have stayed away

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longer, and regained her strength. What is it exactly that she is writing? Could you send me something? Perhaps, I could interest people in this city, only I know it is very difficult to get any publisher to take anything from an unknown author. I wish Mother Earth were larger and could afford to pay. I should be so happy to give every beginner a chance, but I find it difficult to maintain the magazine in its present size, without paying for contributions.

Miss Lockhoven is now in charge of the Ferrer Center. She has nothing to do with the teaching part, but she receives the children, and looks after the house. They have moved into new quarters, and the school is opening up with such a demand on the part of parents and children, that it can not possibly supply them. It is such a congested district; and if they could afford it, would need at least a dozen teachers, but like every radical undertaking, it has a terrible struggle and barely manages to get along. There is a wonderful amount of enthusiasm among the group of workers interested, and so it is bound to forge ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Goldman

PS. Nov. 9-2. Dear Comrade
Yours just received. Glad
that you [illegible] your [illegible]

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Nov 8, '12

Emma and Alex
My dear Comrades:

With absorbing interest I have read the book, but now that I have undertaken to tell of it language utterly fails me. If I could meet Comrade Alex face to face, my arm about his neck, my hand clasping his, and so standing he could look into my eyes, perhaps he could there read the feeling and thought that I cannot express in words. Before Emma's letter and the book came, I had been worrying over my own petty troubles. How infinitesimal they now appear in comparison with our dear Comrade's experiences. I am somehow reminded of that memorable day in November when Comrade Parsons tried my soul, when he said to me, "Comrade, I couldn't live a year in State prison under a life sentence. I should either commit suicide or go insane". And so I have also felt. I am but a weakling, and the horror of such an existence would be more than I could bear.

Did you not receive a letter from my comrade

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Berkman? I have a distinct recollection of intending to write to you shortly after you were taken to the pen. and I believe I did write; but much sickness & trouble have impaired my memory, so that I cannot be certain. Perhaps in my then state of feeling I expressed myself too freely and my letter was not delivered to you.

I instantly recognized the "Yankee" in the account of the tunnel. In the light of that experience the name "Mole" which he assumed while in Denver had a peculiar significance.. I understand that Vella K- has entirely severed all radical connections of late years, but is again living in Chicago.

I am glad, Emma, that you don't think I have become entirely an apostate. It was reported to me that you told I had withdrawn from the movement because I was getting rich and found it didn't pay to have such affiliations. Surely my past record ought to preclude such an assumption.. If you knew how "rich" I am getting you would smile at the ridiculous charge. The actual fact is that we are nearer the verge of want today than at any time in many years. We have utterly failed to make good on our peach Orchard, are deeply in debt, I am a partial invalid, and am unable to get work enough to

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make a decent living.

Sam Fielden is still at La Veta, Colorado, where I also made my home for several years. I am afraid Sam has become indifferent and pessimistic in his old age. He and Harry (his son) have 800 acres of land between them, many head of cattle and other so-called evidences of wealth, yet he lives in a miserable hutch in squalor and uncleanness. His wife died a few months ago, and his daughter, Alice, now keeps house for him. Poor Alice: a good girl, a beautiful character; but she cannot persuade the old man to live like a decent being or to provide her with even a comfortable home. Of course this is strictly confidential between us and should go no further. I am sorry that he did not respond to your request for an article.

Referring once more to the book. I wish it could be placed in the hands of every humane prison official in the country: Thos. Tynan, Warden of the Colo. State Prison at Canon City, Colo. Governor George W. P. Hunt of Arizona and R. B. Sims, Hunt's Supt of the Arizona penitentiary at Florence, Ariz.; Gov.

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West of Oregon, Supt. Kay Baker of the Nevada pen. and other officials who have tried with marked success the "honor" system of treating criminals. I suppose the new plan originated with Judge Lindsey of Denver, whose novel treatment of the "bad" boys brought before him has won for him international renown, but it has been adopted in many of our Western prisons and has certainly marked a new departure in prison reform.

Next Monday is the memorable Eleventh of November; our martyrs great anniversary. You will be commemorating that event, I presume, on Sunday the 10th. About twelve years have passed since I have been able to take part in such a meeting. How I wish I could be with you in the flesh, as I shall be in the spirit on Sunday next. I shall expect to read an account of the meeting in Mother Earth.

Dear Girl, I have read of your troubles and triumphs over the country. I have grieved over your misfortunes and rejoiced over your successes. After long arduous service such as you have given to the Cause should come peace and rest. That these blessings may fall to your lot is the earnest wish of

Your far away Comrade
Will Holmes

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Dearest Nuna.

I am sure you did not understand my letter or you would never have written such a reply. I am sure dear. I do not want you to do anything which is difficult or trying to you

I asked to stay this week, because two Sundays were lost (which is not your fault) to ~~in rea~~ for the purpose of reaching the meeting going public

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and this coming Sunday
being important for that
purpose. But not for
a moment did I expect
you to stay until Ben
on our arrival
It is true, I have many
friends here willing to
help, but unfortunately
unable to do Bens work
That is why I write
you Ben may not leave
before me. But its
alright, he will. He
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to day, which will give him a week to work on the meeting. Please leave some circulars for him to distribute. Dear Nuna it is a strange coincident that each time you help me with meetings. you feel hurt of something I was supposed to have written. yet, I am not conscious of having asked for anything

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that overlooking misunderstanding should have caused your criticism. If I did, I am sorry

As you will require Dave before Ben leaves you can bring the license and receipts along, leave no danger circulars you will have with Morris, Ben will get them from him. Also you might leave several hundred with the young Russian you write me about.

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if he cares to take them for distribution.

I will have an ad of my genish meeting in the Dreamland Temple the Sunday edition Rawmaids & Warde et al that Dr. Jones will be prepared for my coming. When Berg gets there, he will distribute Randbill and put up a sign

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Has Stange written you that Stella would like you to stay with her until you get settled. She has a beautiful little apt. I wish I could have you, dear but as usual I have hardly enough breathing space.

With much love
Emma

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[Dearest] That was a crazy gift but I reckon I have some strange ideas. I wanted you to eat off it at least once.

I just went up to see about that ad; it is all right – is fixed just like the front of enclosed circular. There are a couple of little mistakes in the circulars but it is pretty good work for the P.F. Press; their printer is the dumbest I ever saw. I hope you like them and wont kick about the price – it is outrageous – 2500 for $8. However, I'll put them out to good advantage. How about some cheap "dodgers"? Perhaps you wont like the quality of the paper but they haven't much stock at the Free Press and if I had given the work to any of the capitalist papers then all the Socialists would have stayed [illegible], from the meeting.

I wish I had made the price of admission 25¢ for I don't

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see how you will make out with all this expense unless you sell a lot of books or take up a collection. About the tickets — sure send them along. I may not sell many but will sp[illegible] there [illegible] a couple of friends of [illegible] [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible].

I have succeeded in getting a couple of workers — one is a boy who would do [illegible] pitching for [illegible] — he was in a reform [illegible] for 5 years — the other is a dentist who (he [illegible] you and me, would [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]).

I don't think I can go to New Castle and those places as first; I have no money 2nd, my clothes are [illegible] on the [illegible] and 3rd Fred wo[illegible] I want to get his own meals and con[illegible] [illegible] any as he has spent all his money on an awful spree. Between Fred and the [illegible] [illegible] and that dumb

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printer I am about all in. Of course you know how delighted I would be to be near you a number of days both to be near your own dear self and to learn at the lectures.

I shall be delighted to meet your friend as it will be a great comfort for me to meet a hundred [illegible] there are [illegible] few of them

I'll see about the sign. I have a friend who is a sign painter; he would stand on his head if I asked him

Emma, what do you think of the good [illegible] in this [illegible]

Almeda

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My dear friend—

Am enclosing check for $5 which I think is a better way to be in the bazaar than to send a specific object for sale. If by investing it in goods you think it could be increased I should of course be pleased. You will know later what sort of things you most need.

I wish it were more — a diamond necklace! — but at present being a loafer, I am afraid to

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I hope it will be a great
success & with that I could be
there.

Will you kindly inform
me the time of your arrival in
Chicago for the Prometheus
Club? Am afraid the Chi-
cago papers may not
advertise the event as
did the San Diego papers!

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Best wishes
Sincerely
George Edwards

Nov. 23 1912
6037 Kimbark Ave
Chicago

If you will send similar requests to
Mrs. E. D. O'Neil
3600 Grand Ave
Wisconsin OK

and Mrs. E. M. Darrow
714 8th St So
Fargo, N. Dak OK

You will undoubtedly receive contributions. I think it is the

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4/ influence of their two women— daughter and mother respectively— that was responsible in large measure for my recognition of conditions when you were in S.D. They have long been admirers of your work, and I know of no clearer-sighted judge in the world.

G.E.

see just in Ball Dunning's Wed. how you are in P. & Said letter will be given to you "from return. Content, not understand

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COLONIAL-ANNEX HOTEL
PITTSBURGH, PA.

Mrs Seldes

Nov. 28th 1912

Dearest, Nuna.
I meant to write you
sooner but always has
been a continuous
run since we arrived
It is an this morning
that I have a letter
written and am able
to collect my thoughts,
Your friend. Dora
called up yesterday
over the phone, she
wants to see me usi-

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Dear ago and we had quite a chat I think I would like her very much as she impressed as being a serious girl and very simple and sweet. One rarely finds all these qualities combined

Diana tells me the meetings of the day are well attended and that everybody is interested

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The papers had very good and so had we. We good never you have done and the girl is continued we ought to have splendid meetings I hope so anyway because the three meetings here are the cause most of our expenses

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We did get $40 for
the debate on Monday
in Pittsburgh and
they have gotten
as much for last
night in Youngstown.
But the good socialist,
though slightly for
equality have been
agreement, possible
because they prefer
G.G. will not pay
them. Anyway we
~~to~~ lost $40 and

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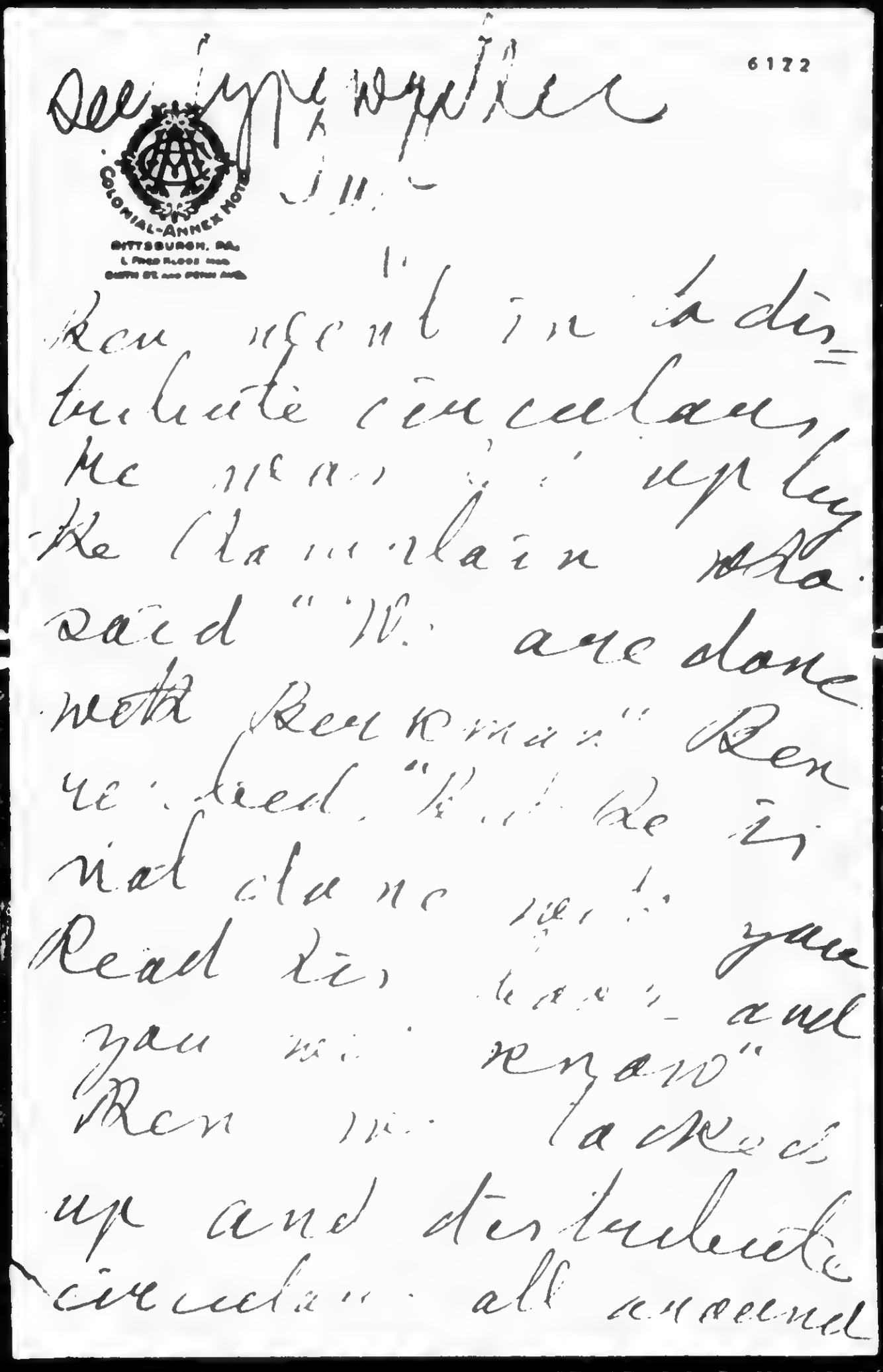

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Dear my Nunia

COLONIAL-ANNEX HOTEL
PITTSBURGH, PA.

Ben went in a distributing circular, he was upset. The Chamberlain said "W. are done with Berkman" Ben replied "I'll be in jail alone yet!" Read his letter, you will know and you will regret" Ben walked up and distributed circular all around

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the penitentiary dis-
ture. My poor soul
flowed with gratitude
to the fairies who
gave me strength
to survive the Romance
of 20 years. That
I may come back
strong in mind
and body.

I am glad to
you the dearest
for making my
present visit
possible.

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PITTSBURGH, PA.

an all ... together
I need to have you
to help me. Yes, lets see
we can. Yes to pay
much care.
Georgine, we can
I have no ...
Kan my one & dear
Nina
always your friend
Emma
Re leave ... Saturday
morning per New Castle

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and I think I can
to find something
in the world will
help you to find
yourself.
I have never been
able to know how
much I mean
to you and how
I love you. Now is
my time.
Be ready to come
to the lecture Friday
night, the meeting
will arrange the

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PITTSBURGH, PA.

Now, dear girl
I would love to
spend every sleep-
less I need go
ready you're before
Besides I will be
back ... and
... and I will
take a ... of a day
to take smaller ones
by ... But ...,
Ra... you will make
definite diagram
I want to help you

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for N.Y. and of Berg,
travel 12 hours upset-
land in N.Y. in time
to rush for my down
town meeting

All this could have
been avoided if that
dam nor Medney of
Liverpool, had notified
me in time of the
change of programme.
But no! I can ever
expect of a political
socialist?

Anyway, I am not.

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What is more we had
a valuable Evening
Dancesgoing Crowd
a splendid time for
a meeting
as it is we will
be raced to death
on Saturday in New
Castle. where I speak
twice then move
travel 2 Days by
car to catch the
2.14 train from

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going to let this spoil
my mood, for I am
determined to have
a little happyness while
I can. I see a Rea-
sonous for it when
I consider my visit
of 20 years ago on
this day and this
time.

Unknown, by God
and Man forsaken
I tramped the street

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evenings and hungry
because I had spent
my few pennies for
some delicacies
for Berkman. I
had not enough to
go into town and was
obliged to lay my
own company aside
and go back. It
is very disgusting, don't
you think?
Ben and I went
out to the Zen

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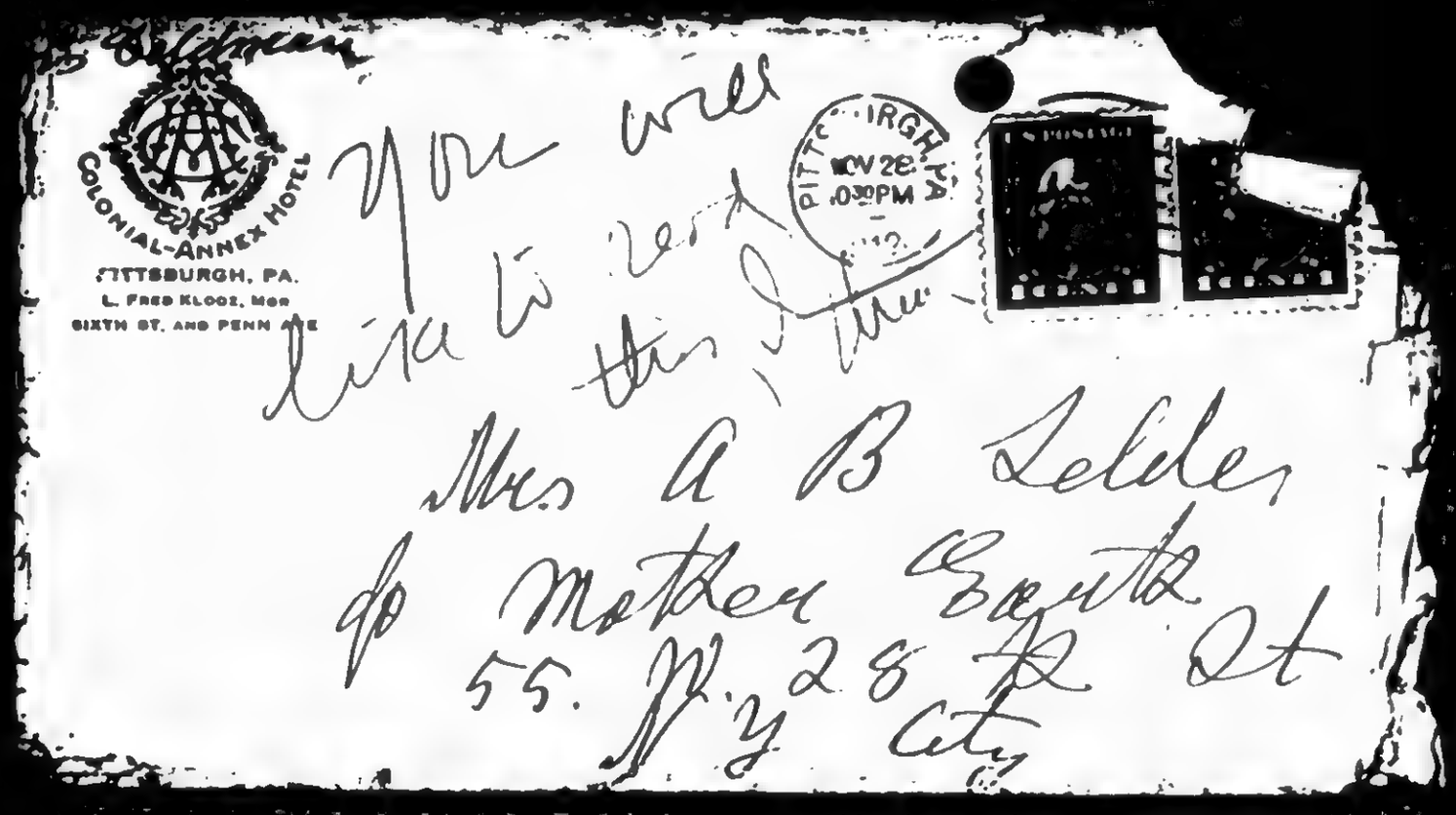

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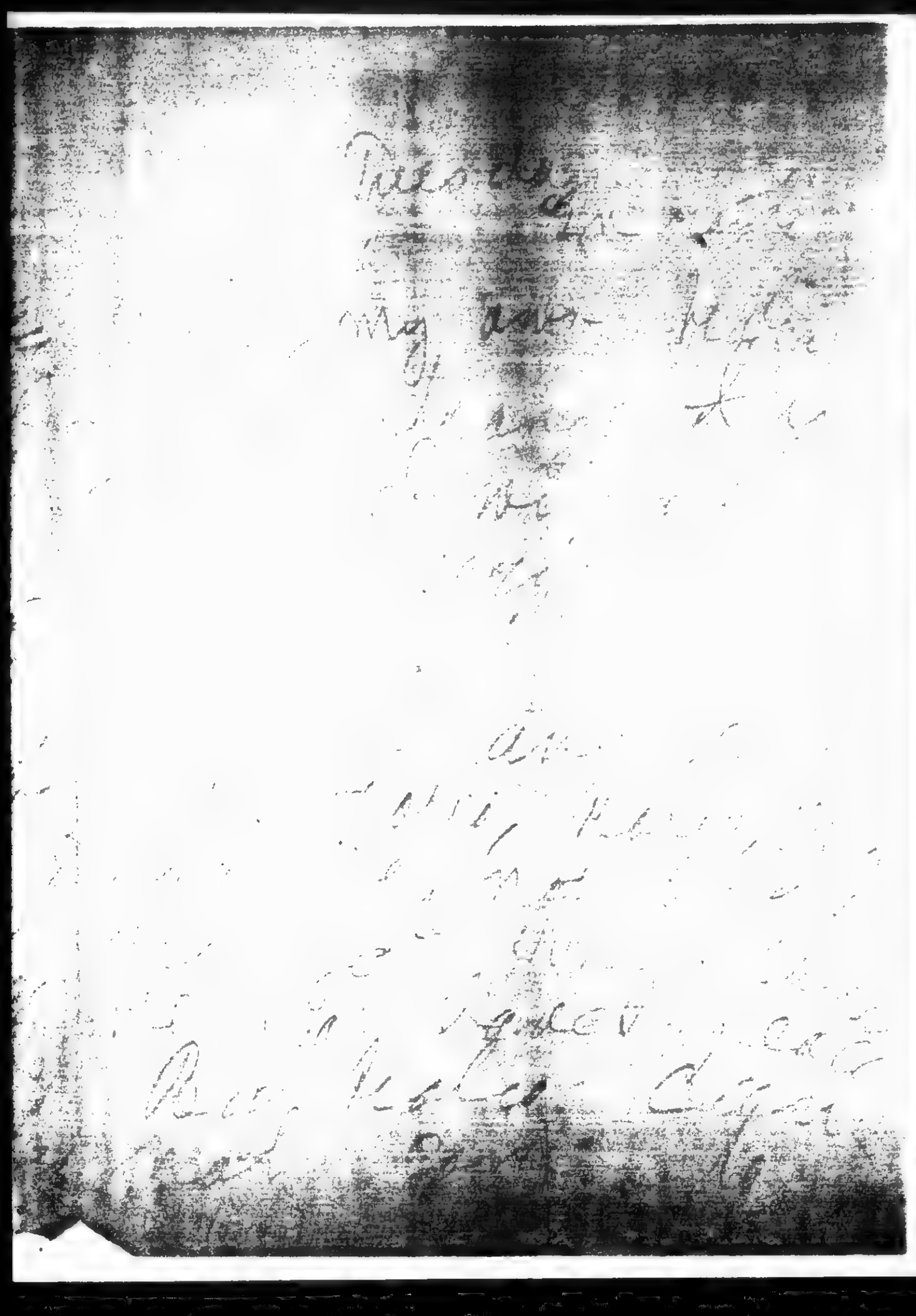

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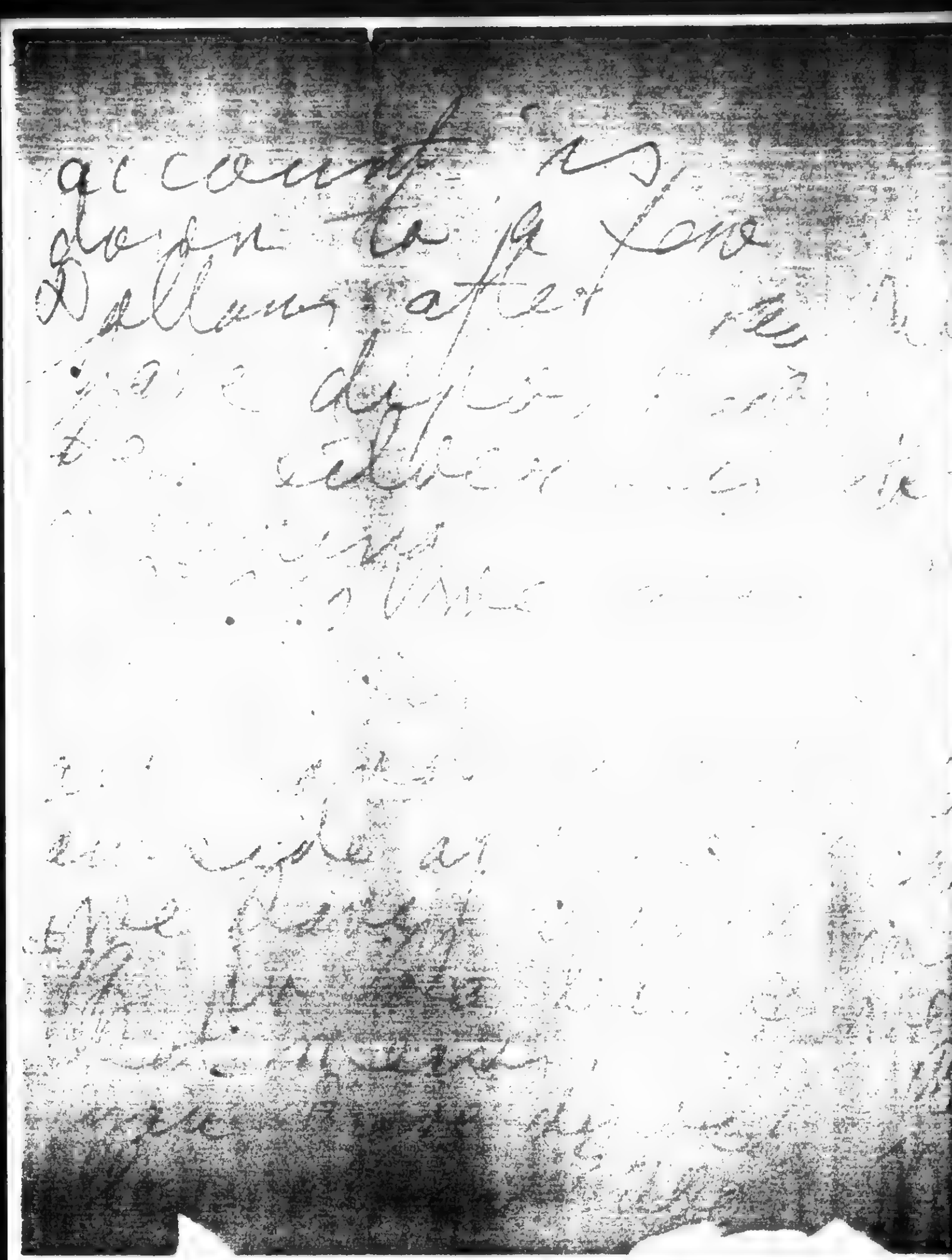

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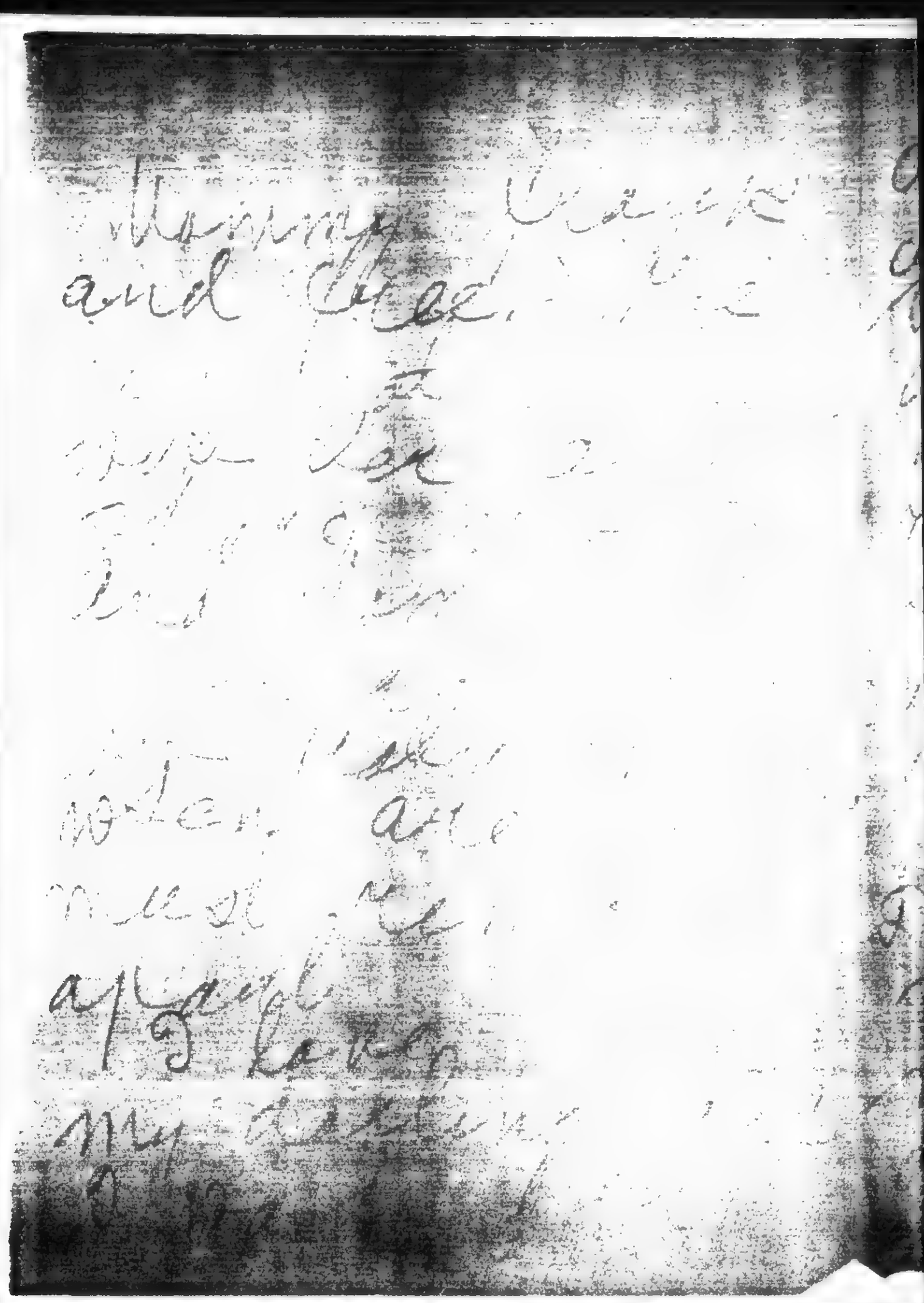

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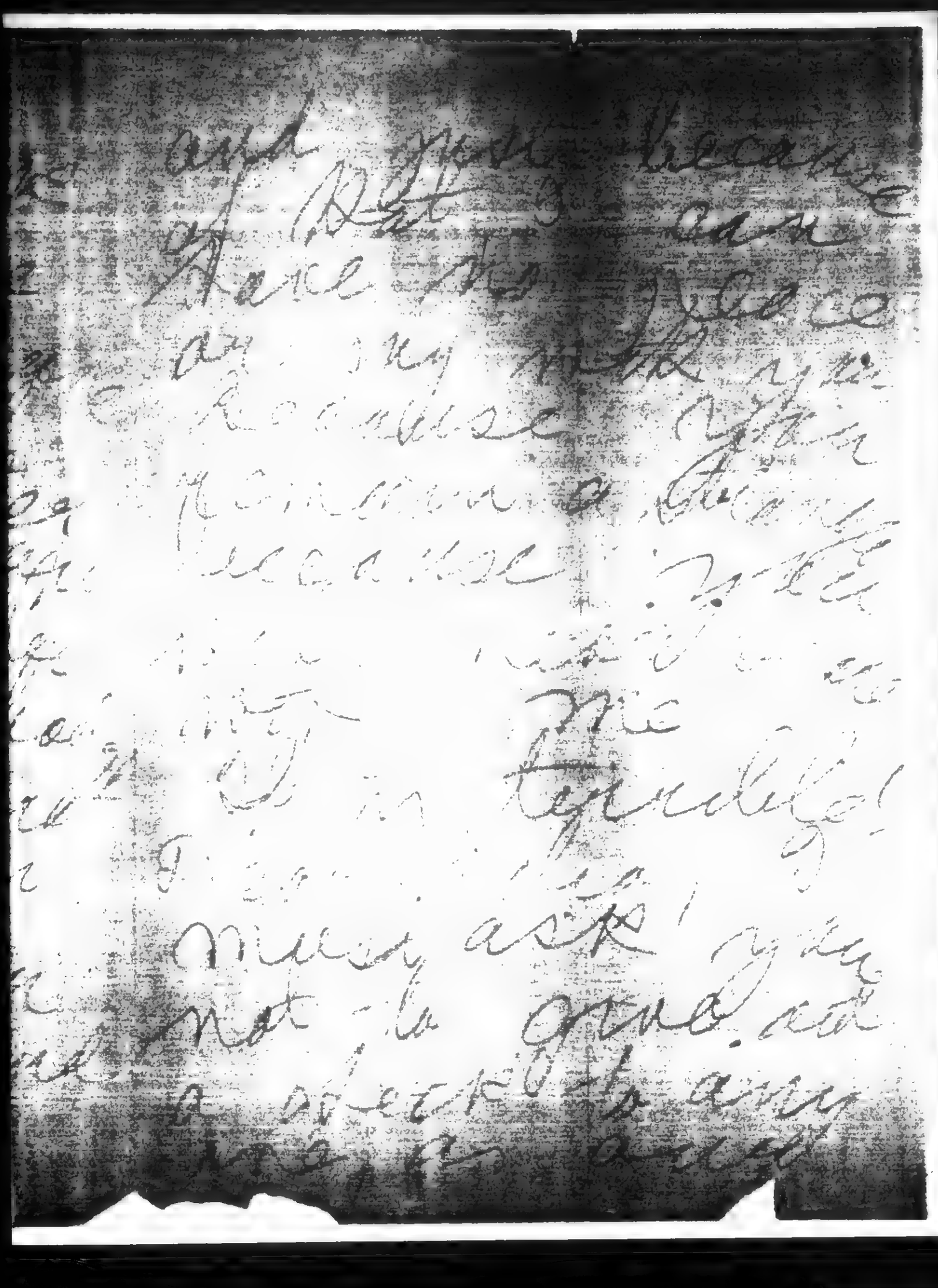

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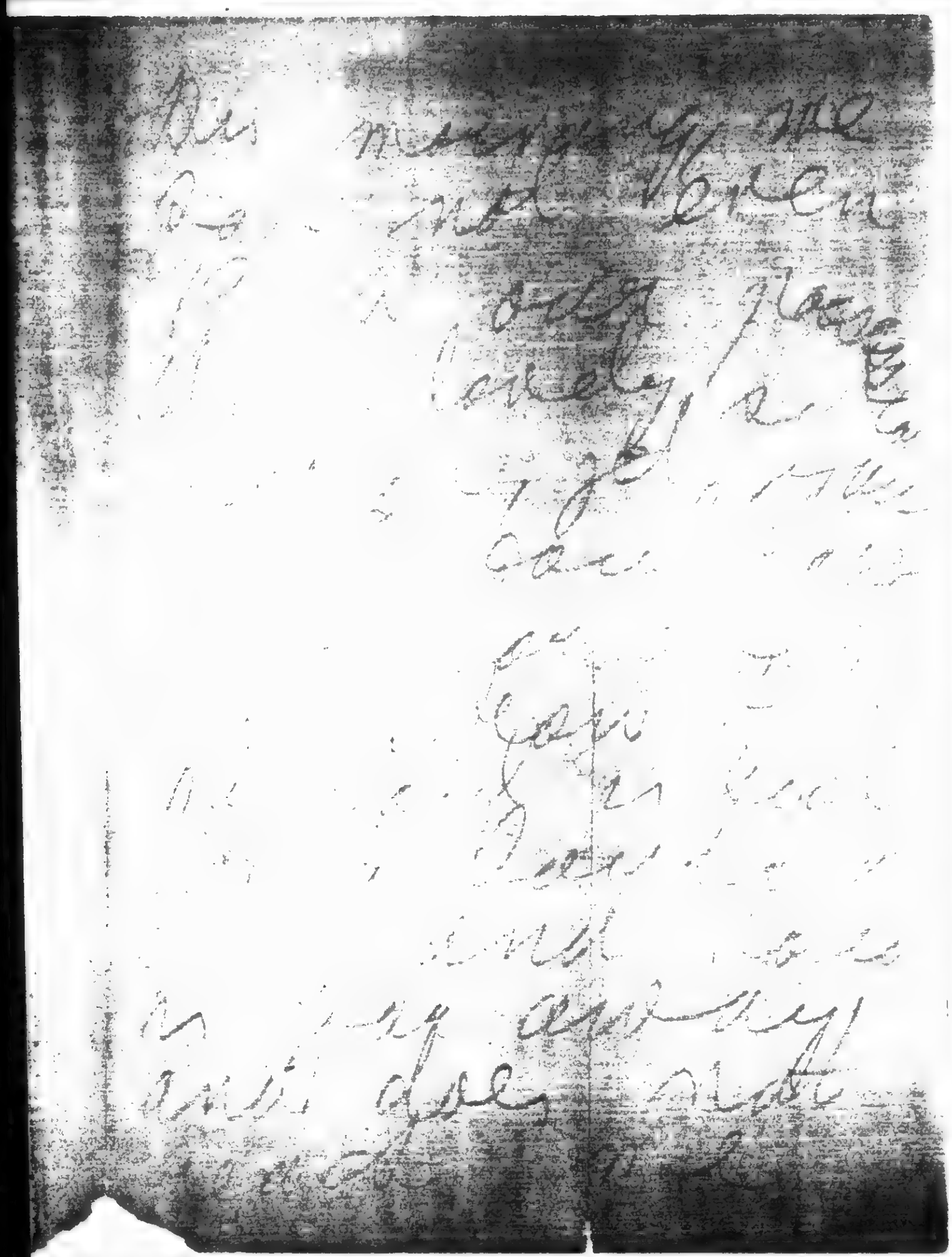

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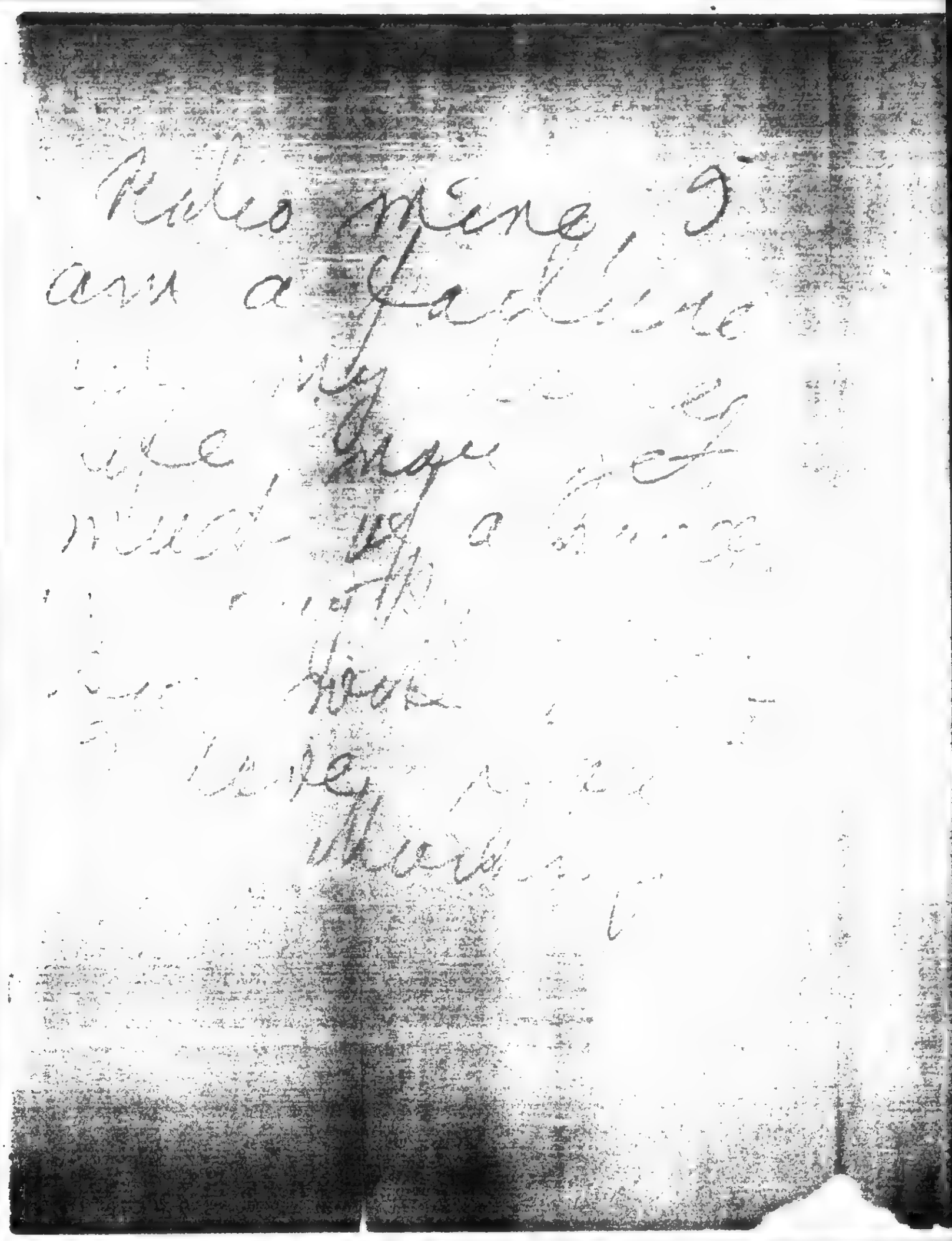

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Dear Heart: I have read your letter to me – so unworthy – your letter wherein you offer me the refuge of your arms – and it has taken away from me the desire to kill myself. For a week or more I have lain stupidly around with that desire in my heart – I could hardly see or hear and would forget everything. But everything is well now – I do not feel so alone.

You do not know how grateful I am for your great goodness and you do not know how the tears gushed to my eyes when I read your letter. I had a sense of your presence and I laid my head on your bosom and listened to the rythm of your heart-beats.

Life is so wonderful and sweet to me when you hold out

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arms to me of your own volition. Ah! I hope to be able to prove my love some day with something besides words. Take my life if you want it.

Dearest one, no one can ever hurt me again. Ah, dearest one, I part your hair strand by strand and kiss the partings.

My love-juices are flowing. I am so grateful - so grateful.

Great-heart-of-the World! You are part of my soul.

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[illegible] I cannot come to [illegible] [illegible] debt. I contemplate [illegible] to California on next [illegible] I will [illegible] [illegible] I might [illegible] [illegible]. How con- [illegible] this letter.

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Dec. 9th, 1912.

My dear Miss Kennan:-

I wonder if you know how happy your letter made me and how it filled me with new hope for the work I am doing. I need not tell you how often I get terribly depressed and discouraged; not because of my lack of faith in the intrinsic value of my work, or my ideas, but because of the thousand disagreeable things that come into the life of a public woman, and from which I shrink with every fiber of my being. I often think that to be a successful public character, one must have the hide of a Roosevelt; but if your skin is thin and transparent, every little coarse event sticks like a needle into your soul. I have so much of it, that I sometimes feel as if I could not go on. Fortunately, I have the tenacity of my race, and must continue in spite of myself.

Your appreciation of Berkman's book means very much to him, but more to me, because I know the personality back of it. It is fortunate that we have such friends as you to help circulate the Prison Memoirs, else I do not believe that we would dispose of very many copies. The reviews so far have been very few, and with the exception of three or four, very mediocre. However, we did not expect to dispose of thousands of copies. The principal thing is that Mr. Berkman had something to say, and knew how to say it well. As for the rest "God" and such friends as you, will take care.

Apropos of my Nietzsche course, I will have to give that during my visit to Denver early in April. I am not sure I shall be back in Denver on my return trip from California. Also

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I could spare two weeks in April much better than later on, as it would give me an opportunity to break the strain of the tour, and the Doctor a chance to go to California ahead of me. As far as I now know, we mean to get to Denver the first week in April. Now, if you could get a number of people to subscribe to the course, it would help me tremendously. It would hardly be worth while to stay two weeks, unless I could get about 25 pupils. That ought not to be difficult with you, Mrs. MacFarlane, Mrs. Kessler and Mrs. Taussig as my sponsors. Will you see Mrs. MacFarlane soon and confer with her? I had a beautiful two hours with her before she left for Denver, and she assured me she could get some of her faculty to take the course. At any rate, it might not be a bad idea to have a consultation with my three friends, who, I know, will do their best to make the class a reality.

There are many other things I would like to write you, but I leave for Chicago in a few hours to speak every night this week, and then right back to New York for my Sunday dates. It is terrible how we are all caught in the wheel and can not get away, no matter how much we try. My work is increasing to such an extent that it is literally growing over my head. I would not hesitate a moment to simplify things, if we had more workers in the field, but unfortunately we have none, at least no enough with sufficient ability to do good work. It seems to be my fate to go on at the same mad pace until the end.

Remember me with love to Monroe and Spies, and the Cohen girls. I am writing separately to Miss Nafe. The books will be sent today/

Affectionately, Emma Goldman

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Dec 12th

Dearest: I am trying to read Stirner's "Ego and his Own." I don't have to read that book and I'm not going to — he must have had piles when he wrote it — his style is so strained. I have no intention of getting St. Vitus dance so I wont finish it. When you have time I wish you would tell me what Stirner was trying to put thru himself. If you think I am dumb for not understanding him I cheerfully acquiesce with your decree.

What is wrong with German writers, anyway!

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Why can they not write with the lucidity of a Turgenier? Only the Russians and French know how to write. But you will say Heine was a German. He was not - he was a Jew. A Jew is a Jew and ot to be damn proud of it.

Raphael was here day before yesterday; he just walked in as if nothing had ever happened and I let it go at that for after all, when I once like a person it is for always. Besides I get lonely and I also have use for him. I think he'll buy some Anarchist literature, too.

Neckerman bot some

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Anarchist literature.
That is the first time
I have ever known
him to spend money
for a book; he borrows
all his books and nev-
er returns them. But
the people who have
the most money are
the stingiest - Neckerman
has a bunch of money
and his father is a
millionaire.

Raphael says you
must come here again
as he has met ever so
many people who
didn't even know you
were here and they
are sorry they missed
you. I ot to have ad-
vertised in the two
capitalist papers. Well,
a person has to learn.

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Dearest, when you come anywhere near Pittsburg will you let me know so I can get to see you? In Cleveland or some place before that. I could go in the morning and come home at night. I've simply got to see you before you start out west. I wont annoy you, dear. I only want to look at you.

If I had money I'd go to New York to hear your lectures on those playwights. It irks me to miss such good things. O hell!

Judge Harmon loaned me Haeckels "Riddle of

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"The Universe" and "The Last words on Evolution" They weary me — it seems to me he covers all that ground in his "Wonders of Life." I can stand reiteration in melody, in poetry but not in scientific books. I don't want books on evolution but do want books on revolution. Fred said he was thinking about getting me a watch on Christmas. Emmy, if there is anything that exasperates me it is a watch or a clock. I told him that if he gets me a watch I'll smash it and then take an ax and smash everything else in the

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home. Fred says, "It's them damn books that makes you buggy." I told him that it isn't — its lack of books. A watch! My God!

I didn't tell you I am in a family way, did I? Talk about neuralgia and vomiting. Yoi! It is strange I had to wait until after I was thirty to start to get knocked up. I wish it were Sash Berkman's baby. I'd have it. He is a man.

Sovingly
Almeda.

Have you a volume of Keats, Emmy? Will you loan it to me?

By the way — you know

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I got Nell D[illegible] to stop over a couple of days. Her sister was sick and she was going to see her. Well, her sister croaked — appendicitis. That whole family gets appendicitis — Nell's stepmother is all the time feeding them on pork. Nell's sister was a sweet girl only twenty years old — and a musician. It's awful how many people die from a lack of knowledge of what to eat. One can dissipate to an alarming degree — and still get over it quickly if one has a knowledge of dietery. However, it was a 'scientific' death — or it is over all right.

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Nell says. "In my sorrow I think of you, Almeda. Please write to me." O gee! I wish I hadn't been bad lately. Who am I to give comfort to a girl like Nell — who has no undesirable traits. And to think I got mad at you Emmy, just because you criticized my "nat". I asked you once not to forsake me. I ask you again.

Sorrowfully
A.

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Dec. 20th, 1912.

Miss Ellen Kennan,
701 East 14th Street,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Miss Kennan:-

I hasten to answer your note, though I am not in an inspiring mood for writing. I caught a severe cold on my way back from Chicago, and have a voice like a drunken sailor, not to speak of a million aches in all my bones. However, I want you to get this so you can set to work, nabbing poor victims for the Nietzsche course. The price will be the same as for the drama course, $5, including a subscription or renewal to Mother Earth. I do not think this too much, considering the immense amount of work to done on such a complex subject as Nietsche. Of course, if you know any one who is really anxious to benefit by the course, and can not afford $5, we will let them in free. I believe though that most of the people who would care to attend, can pay. Don't you think so?

I hope you will also see Mr. Elder, who can help much, as he knows a number of people interested in the works of N. Mrs. MacFarlane is valuable, as she can interest the faculty of her own univeristy. Thus I place my fate in the hands of such good friends as you, Mrs. McF., Mrs. Kessler, Mrs. Taussig, and the Monroes.

I can not at this moment say definitely when I will get to Denver, but I expect to be there not later than the second week in April. Of course, we will hold our regular series of public lectures, and I will give the talks, I have recently delivered in New York. It is hardly necessary for you to have the exact date, so far as the Nietzsche course is concerned. Anyway you may count on the second week in April. Mrs. Kessler wrote me that this time will be by far the best, as many people go away for the Summer. Besides, I could not very well pledge myself to stop in Denver on my return trip.

Enclosed is a list of Nietzsche's works, some of which I have marked. It would not be a bad idea if you would suggest to the people who subscribe to order some of these works, so that they might be familiar with what I will talk about. I would appreciate it very much if they would order these from Mother Earth, as it would be immaterial to them, and gives us a standing with MacMillan.

Too bad you will not be with us for the Christmas Ball and Bazaar. With love to yourself and Miss Nafe, as well as our other friends,

EMMA GOLDMAN.

P.S. Miss Goldman dictated this letter in bed, and as she is anxious to get it off immediately, I can not take it back for her signature.

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excitation and engrossed
it upon discussing. I then the
address dropped [illegible] the
[illegible] crushed it
[illegible] decide
whether he was going within
patient and returned
it next day when he was
out to lunch. It is well
to read a [illegible] letter from it
when one is in the mood
of [illegible] feeling the need
for then one becomes
ashamed of oneself for
wanting to follow the
line of least resistance.
I once saw a strike-
breaker hit a little baby
on the head. The baby
was in its father's arms
and I can never think
think that it is not a
crime to hold a [illegible]
[illegible] coldly and de-

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liberately or to kill the man or men who employing them. But I had to see that in order to come I must accession. So now I think it is a worse crime to offend the sensibilities of a loved one (as I offended yours not long ago) than it is to murder. So one learns more from life than from books.

Since I came last that crisis and set up I seem to have become more mature and more thoughtful of others. Patient understanding is what you have given me and I cannot express my gratitude — I mean that dear one!

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I am in hopes of getting to Phila very soon for a week or two. This time of the Christmas season and I expect to spend all my time in the library glutting my glutting poetry. Everything else seems as dry as chips to me. A poet knows everything without having to work from a microscope because he feels it.

The doctor operated on me again today. He says I ought to allow myself to have such, relaxation of the soul 'under the present system.'

I wish Hetzgoodes were here now – he and I alone. I wish he had Sach Berkman's vocabu-

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promising spirit. I'd like to tell you what I did to you and see what the [illegible] of it

One cannot express anything one wants in one person can be, Emma? I like Berkman's soul but his body does not appeal to me in the least and I think he does I tell you everything I think don't I, dearest? Almost everything — of course the things one cannot put into words. For instance just now I hear an water-fall coming from the mills down on the river banks — it makes me a [illegible] more [illegible] I P S could make [illegible] feel what it makes me feel the world would be

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different to [illegible]
I have [illegible] good
away out [illegible] Emma
[illegible] it.

[illegible]
[illegible]

Will [illegible] out [illegible] with
[illegible] from [illegible] to [illegible] Then
[illegible] Pittsburg will
[illegible] some more.

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Dec. 23rd

Dearest: I [illegible] just received your card and am filled with a great peace. I am a little remorseful for wanting to hear from you so badly – you may have been very tired when you sent it – perhaps it was an effort – for it merely address the envelope – you never spare yourself and we 'all' expect too much from you. The postman was late this morning – I thot he had passed and I was wistful – wistful. I will never again have anger for you [illegible] – feel impatient again for I have lived

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a thousand years in the last two weeks.

Tell me, Emma, why is it that when a person [illegible] can be – why is it that he picks out the one he loves the most to hurt? And why did I have to show you the savage part of me and want to scream [illegible] – you got your fill of the primitive.

I am so glad you looked into my eyes that day. It is a good thing that one-half of me is decent. I wish I had had a mother like you. You are my mother. Fred said that day I sent the rose back – you know I woke up screaming – "O, will

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you never be anything
else but a child? If
I know E[illegible], she wont
[illegible] To it."

Then I went to sleep
again for Fred always
knows.

I was just writing
an extract from Berk-
man's book for The Free
Press. "Out of The Peoples
need, etc." pa 227.

It seems strange to
get a Xmas card from
you. I do not recog-
nize this holiday for
I see flashes of red,
yellow and [illegible]
when I think of all
that Christians have
made me suffer — they
ruined a decent kid
for I [illegible] decent — [illegible]
[illegible]

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"Away in a manger
No crib for his bed
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down his sweet head."
Here's another
"O onward Christian soldiers
Marching ~~as~~ to war
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before."
Here's another
"Count (count) your
blessings, love
Count them o'er and
o'er
Caount your blessings!
Caount them o'er and
o'er!
Caount your many
blessings
Caount them o'er and
o'er."
Bah! Shit!
"Create in me a clean
heart, O, God! and restore

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unto me the joy of Thy salvation. Cast me not away from Thy presence and renew a right spirit within me."

Create in me a clean heart! Thunder of hell! If you see Hutch Hapgoods tell him I'm lonely and want him to write.

Ah your dear eyes! There are many things I cannot do now since you looked at me that way. I reckon I must love you more than I ever loved anybody because I used to do everything I felt like doing without stopping to consider others. You are the first person

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who ever got my goat.
I reckon its because I
believe in you. If I
didn't I'd kill you.

Almeda.

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Christmas Eve

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Christmas

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things you wish for
me in the coming
year if you think on
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
servile to me and [illegible]
because they are [illegible]
[illegible] little ducks of
[illegible]ds. I would do more
[illegible]
[illegible]

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Dearest Nuna
I am so sorry, I can not leave you up and find out how you are, but my calel seems to stick to me and my general spiritual condition is as grey as to day

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weather.

I wonder if your sister will be too busy tomorrow to give my that a message. It seems to me the only thing worth while as medicine never relys. I will be in all forenoon, and see for me to come please

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And you dear, how are you? Why do you not come to me, two beings in misery often help each other, don't you think?
With much love
Emma

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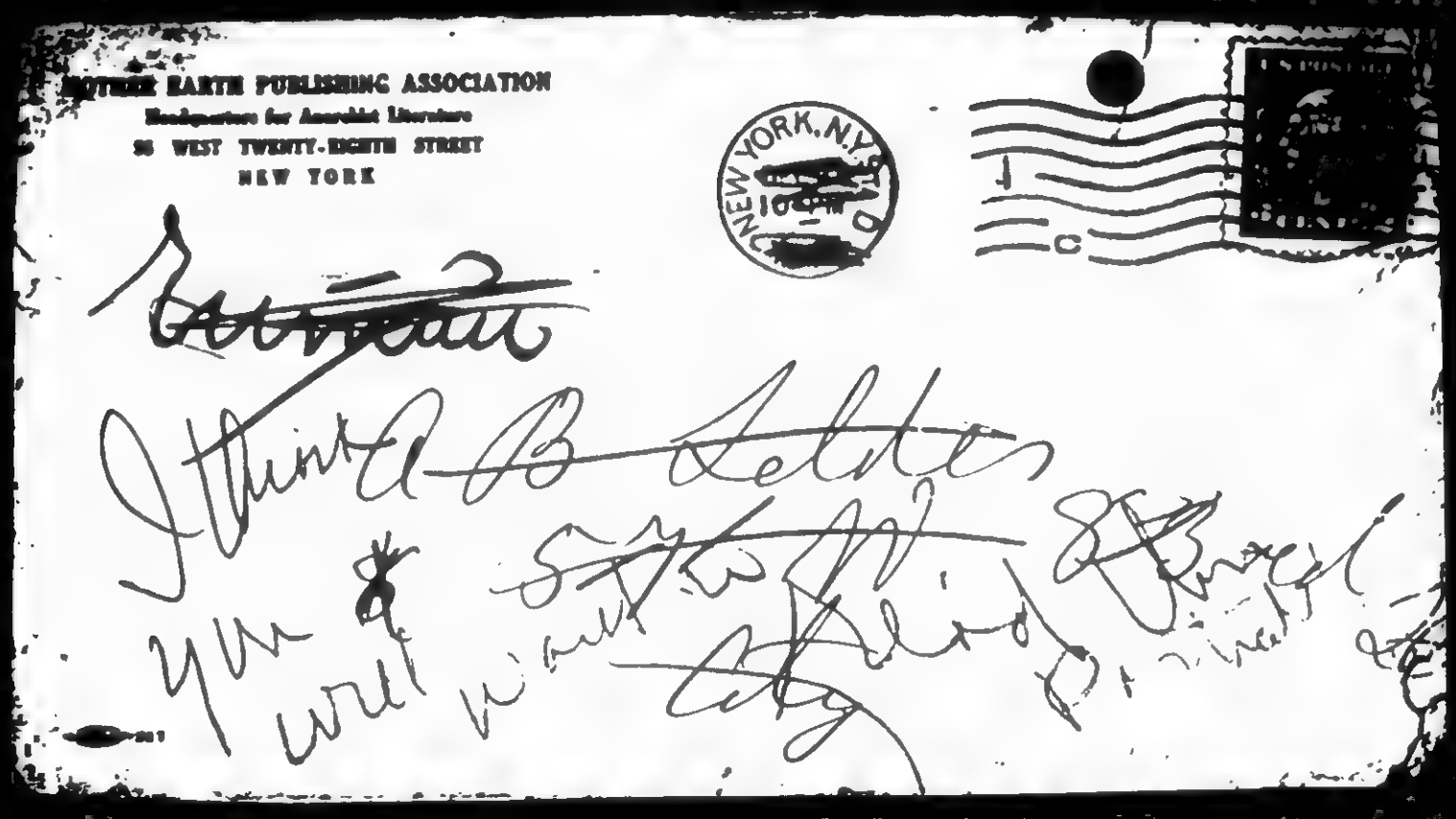

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Dearest: Forgive me for referring to that matter again. I never dreamed of Ben's wanting any lousy money for himself – he is the soul of generosity – I only got blind with rage at his manner of presenting that bill – it seemed to impugn my honesty. I merely used whorehouse vituperation on him and said what I said because I could not think of anything worse. As for his doing what I threatened to do – why that would be ridiculous because everyone knows what he has suffered for the cause. And he is not a pimp because pimps don't work and he does. But I'll never apologize to him until he treats me with respect.

Fen tried to make me feel the great honor you had done me in allowing me to visit you. "Why, people would even come from Europe to meet her if she'd let them!" Emmy.

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I don't care what kings of intellect you've entertained. I wanted to meet you to see if it were possible for anyone to be consistent with his philosophy. I must say that you are the only one I have ever met whom I believe has no treachery in his make up. You are "on the square." I would like to win your respect but fear it is impossible. I'll try again and again. I have not filled Newt's place and it is horrible to be broke all the time. I could fill his place in a minute by the mere use of the telephone but some way or other I cannot — ever since you looked into my eyes that way and I must say I missed the bunch of money he usually gave me at Christmas. When I

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start thinking of filling Newt's place I think of your eyes and shudder at the enormity of some of my past deeds. I am just beginning to realize things and feel stronger and am more at peace with myself.

But this climbing uphill towards decency alone is impossible with me so I have to write to you.

Yes, I did have a flower-like soul once but it is true that some things are hard to eradicate from the blood. Ah, Life!

I inwardly I breathe the fragrance of your hair. Look up that I might see your eyes, dear heart. Ah! your love for me is tinged with a deep sadness. Mine too, is tinged with sadness and a terrible regret.

Almeda

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Dearest: I am smoking one of your cigarettes; They are dandy but I'm surprised that you cater to one of my vices.

I thank you for the nice things you have said to me lately. Hon, I thot I had lost you and the light of the world had gone out for me. I no longer cared to live. The inside of my head was even cold. I would pile into bed shoes and all on and would wrap my head up and one evening I did nothing but cry and tear things like rags, newspapers and handkerchiefs and I had the backs of my hands bitten purple. I wanted to tear you limb from limb and wanted to take your entrails and string them in a long string. O, what makes me so viscious?

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Honeybug - don't you want me to come to see you on the 24th. Why, I would be willing to go as far as San Francisco just to speak with you for a half hour; to me, it would be well worth the effort But if I thot it would disturb the tenor of you - thots and make you garble your lectures I would not come for, honeybug. There are greater things than love and one of them is the cause you work for and your faithfulness to it is the foundation of my love for you. Christ! do you thinks I could love you otherwise?

I have been having Nancy with me lately. The county would not take her in and her furniture was being sold out. So she had no place to go to and I could not

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put her out in the cold. She slept on the floor in the kitchen. She laid around in a blue wrapper for a week and a half. I had all her clothes washed - a great pile of them - but still she would not change. I would say to her in the mornings, "Nance, go wash your face," and she'd wash it. Then she'd start to whine about her troubles, I'd say, "Nance, stop it," and she'd stop up. Nance is awful. She lays around with niggers and low Dagoes and she is hypocritical and she cute is and for years she has taken some kind of nerve tablets that she gets from Dr. Alter, a highly respectable Christian who ought to have a red

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hot poker run thru him for getting people used to such dope. 'I aint poor little Nance's fault she is morally paralyzed. It is strange how observant she is; she tells me tales from life that make me shudder so that I beg her to stop. Is sorry we can't get some money. I said, "Nance, now you've got to dig out," for I felt that the paralysis enveloping her was creeping around me and I'm semi-paralyzed as it is.

When Nance comes to see me next she is in for a good scrubbing. I'm going to wash her hair and pull her dirty rags off and

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put clean clothes on her. I hear she is drinking and sleeping with a Dago family, five in a bed — two girls and the old man and woman. If I knew where she was I'd pull her out and drive her in front of me. Everybody is down on poor Nance. She used to be one of the prettiest girls in town but he husband started to drink and everything went to smash. Her husband was a tin mill worker. All tin mill workers drink and all the boys — the tin mill makes them that way.

I sent a quart of olive oil out with my sister so that

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she could give my mother
an enema with it and
showed her how to massage
my mother's abdomen
with warm olive oil and
my mother went to sleep
the first time for a long
while. But she is sinking
fast. What makes me
feel so bad is that she
does not want to die — her
pain will be the last thing
to go. She is marvellous.

Ottilia said to me, "Mrs. m
wants to see you, Jim." So
I went in and said, "Hello,
Mrs. m, what do you want?"
and she said nothing only
opened her eyes, looked at
me and closed Mrs. m again.
I leaned over her and said,
"Dost Love Thy Mecha, mutter?

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and she said, "Shnah." So that's all, Emmy, nothing doing – nix. I'm not going out there any more – there are enough of them around here to bother me and they are always squabbling amongst themselves – They put me in mind of a bunch of buzzards.

No, I'll never lose faith in you – even if you'd quit me. Only I know I'd die. I know it.

We've got everything arranged for a high mass for my mother. I hope she fools them. I think of Almeda kneeling in a Catholic church while they sing a requiem. I curse the Catholic church from the

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bottom of my heart. I curse all churches.

Lovingly
Almeda.

Enclosed you will find a picture of a little bird friend. She gets on my lap, perches and puts her arms around my neck and kisses me. Sh sweet, tender, clinging arms. She said to me a few days ago, "When I get a dime I'm going to buy you a loaf of bread." Poor little bird - this flour bin is empty and the constable is after them for rent. Hello fire!

Nell Davis' bird used to come to see me and he would fly to the top of the bird with me with his head on my shoulder while I would make fairy stories for him

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I have often told Nell that some day she will give it for getting him away when he wants love; he is marked as one of the worst little boys in town. But does he love me? Huh!

And my little nephew, Emmy, when he comes to see me, tells the neighbors "I am going to see my Almeda." And he tells the conductor on the train the same thing. O, whatever made me learn what booze is?

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I tried to get the county to put Nance in the county hospital but they wouldn't do it. The sonsabitches. But I'm not done with them yet. The same sonsabitches are trying to

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get a pardon for that sneak of a sheriff Fields; he is in the pen for something of the sort. I am going to take a walk, eat a beefsteak and fight.

Fred is awfully good to me now since my mother is sick.

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Dear Heart - dear heart.
Forgive me. I have been
having a feeling of revenge
in my heart against some -
one lately and I thot you
could not love me anymore.
Dear heart, I am ill.
My most gracious mother
is dying. Perhaps I shall
not be able to see you in
Cleveland. I shall try, tho.

Sorrowfully
Almeda.

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My dear Emma: I am amused at Reitman's going to you with his troubles. Enclosed find the letter Reitman sent me acknowledging receipt of $2.50 ~~and~~ saying that it cleared up my whole Berkman account, besides enclosing bill. What was I to infer?

I don't think I need any worse language to Reitman than he has used to me; he asked Hutch Hapgoods to suck one of my breasts while he sucked the other so I could have two orgasms at the

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same time and that was just after I had had the most divine of conversations with Hutch. He also asked me how many ~~tigers~~ men there are in this town that I had not fucked yet. I let all that pass until I received that bill. I now admit that my anger was unjustified. Dearest, if you want to know just how much Reitman has hurt me from the first day I met him I just go out on the streets awhile, as I foolishly did when I was about twenty-one and go with strange men for money.

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For a woman of your knowledge you are strangely innocent.

I ask for no ~~justification~~ forgiveness of the language I used towards him but I do ask forgiveness for my anger. He has received from me just what he has given me — no more — no less. He tackled the wrong woman when he tackled me. I have had a deep horror of him ever since he met me at the N.Y. station. I understood him thoroly as soon as

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he grabbed my arm
as we walked along
the street. I used the
same kind of language
he did. Please ask
him that, for the sake
of the Cause, if he
ever goes to meets another
sin-laden woman
who is beginning to
see a glimmer of
light – please ask
him for humanities
sake, for his own
sake and the woman's
sake – not to begin
~~at~~ "fuck" talk. Please
ask him to remember
that he stands by
your side as represent-

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resenting anarchism.

I have shown you the secret places of my soul thinking if I did so without any reservation that it would help the cause along. I would not care if you told my story to the public or even use my name from the platform. And there are depths I have not told you for I have not had time.

And now, dearest, I am going to say good-bye - for your sake

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to save you suffering. I suppose I am a poisonous weed - fatal to myself and everyone around me.

With deep respect
Almeda.

That stenographer I loaned your book to had to carry it up-stairs to her bedroom every night to read it. She was afraid to read it in her office for fear of being put out. I cannot understand that. I always that everybody read everything they wanted to. I always did.

The thing we need most in the world is tolerance, isn't it? Perhaps Ben is the way he is thru suffering - just like myself. It warps one.

I'll send you that $4.50 I owe you, personally, next Saturday a week. I've got some

If you want to send them books, do so. Our relationship with humanity minimizes sorrow.

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Dearest: I haven't written lately owing to my depression caused by my mother's illness. But today is such a smiling one that I feel tip top. Isn't it odd what sunshine will do for one? My good spirits are not wholly resultant from the brightness of the day, however: we are going to have a debate on sabotage here — Merrick on the affirmative. Soon Giovanitti is coming. This town is at last waking up and the sentiment of the radical faction of the socialists is changing. Now — They

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cannot do enuf for me and constantly consult me. Hitherto they passed me on the street without speaking. I have known Art Davis and Neckerman to turn their backs on the street to avoid speaking. And now you should see how defferential they are. They stop in the street and hail me anywhere. Davis has started lecturing at different places on sabotage. One of the radicals did a lot of plumbing work for me and wouldn't let me pay him.

The P. F. Press is getting staler and staler ex-

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cepting for some articles by my red haired friend, who is exposing the graft of the school directors here. The Free Press is nearly done for. I try to make Raphael insert some stirring editorials – they have no editorials. He was down here the other day and said, "I know I am a coward, Almeda, but I hate poverty."

Meanwhile, most of the men I talk to, I have to meet on the streets for Fred accused me of running a whorehouse.

Neckerman and I were speaking of you

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last night and he was bemoaning his fate that he is unable to attend your lectures on the playnights. He says he is going to get out of this town before his soul is entirely destroyed. I- is odd how friendly he is to me now when he used to circulate such untrue things about me. He has a bunch of fine books I am going to read.

Well, I no longer feel that I have wasted my life in this town.

The Pittsburg Socialist got one of Justice's stockholders to close on a note he held against

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Justice and he was going to sell it out. The Idea was to issue the Pitts. Socialist in place of Justice. But they reckoned without their host. Merrick can't be downed.

John Slayton is working hard for the Pitts. Socialist and is 'knocking' syndicalism. Wait 'til I see him – just wait. I told a friend of mine to tell John he is a dirty, rotten, double-jointed snake. He is only out for political office.

I am glad there is a vulgar strain in me so I can fight such niggers.

You told me the social-

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ists are working ably on their own decline? Aren't they dumb?

What do you think of the enclosed article of Mand le Page? Aren't the socialists thick-witted not to see the tendency of the times.

Sorrowfully
Almeda.

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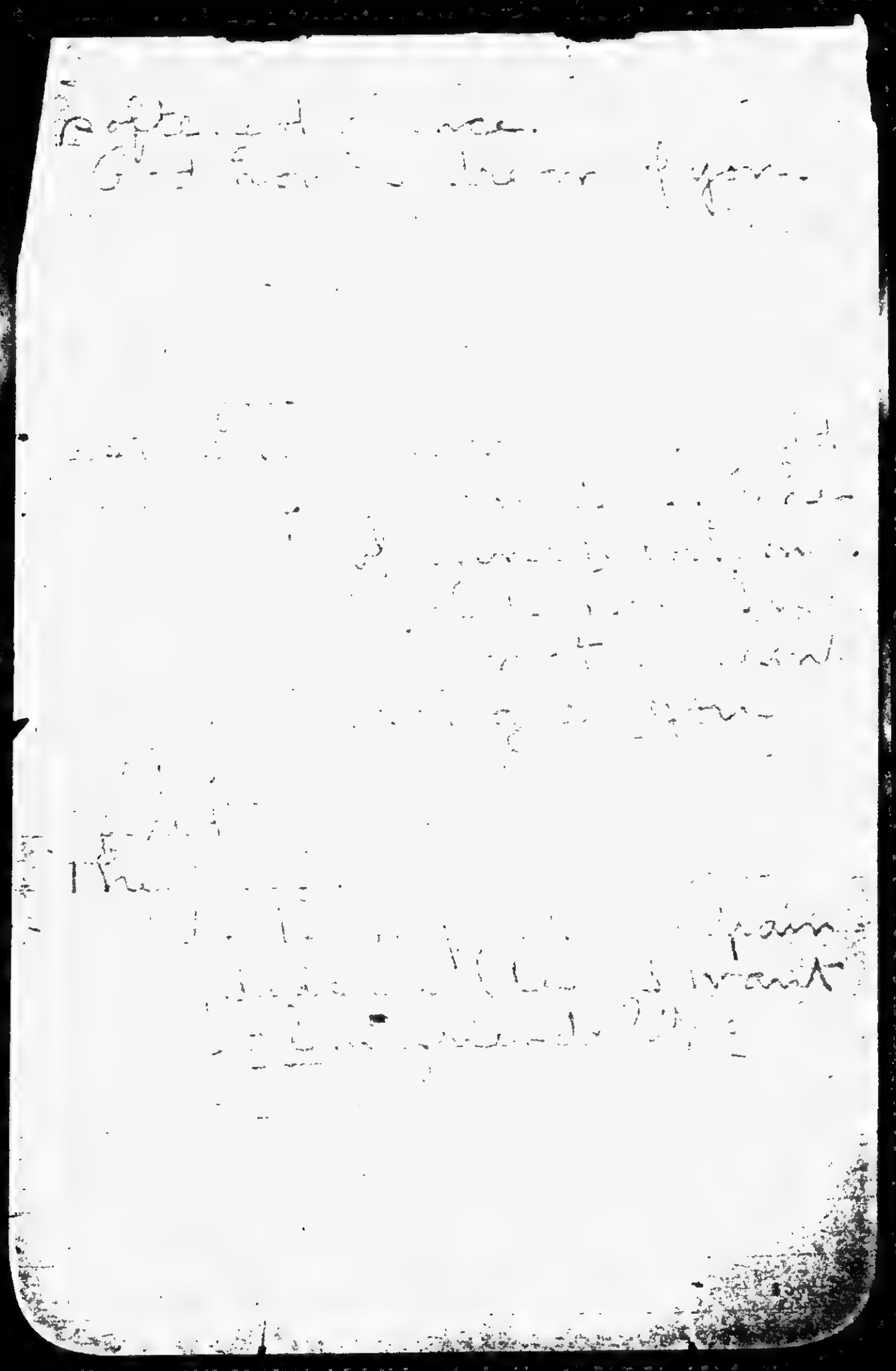

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Jan. 4th, 1913.

Ruth Olson,
1034 18th Av., N.E.
Minneapolis.

My dear Ruth Olson:—

I must be getting old or maybe very tired, for when I wrote Caspar Richman the other day apropos of my lectures, I told him to see you about it, because I had written you. I had mixed you up with some one I had written in Detroit, regarding a series of meetings there. However, it is nottoo late, so I am writing you about it today.

Now, dear girl, this is the way I would like my lectures arranged. I can come for five lectures, beginning April 6th Sunday, and including Wednesday evening. I hope you will cooperate with Richman, because he is very willing to do the work, and is experienced. I would suggest that you try for the Socialist Hall. Possibly it could be gotten for the entire series? If not/, get it for as many as you can, and get another hall of similar size and price somewheres in the neighborhood. Under no considerations do I want Mozart Hall again. It is too expensive and too far out, unless the people would make a reduction for a number of lectures. You know, dear Ruth, that as usual I go in behalf of Mother Earth, and added to that I have another burden, that is $1600 debts for Berkman's book: we must therefore have small expense. We mean to do our printing in Nr Y. this time, as we wish to do it on a large scale in order to advertise Prison Memoirs which necessitates a four page circular. I think by getting out 50,000

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for a number of cities, and we could at the same time have Berkman's book advertised everywhere, as we have the plates of that standing. I will ask you therefore to see about the hall at once, and let me know as soon as possible the results.

How is it that you never write me about yourself, how you are getting along, and what has become of the boys who were with you in the studio? Did you ever get back the paintings from the police. I have such tender recollections of your little group, that I am intensely interested to learn its fate. Write soon.

Affectionately,
Emma Goldman

PS. I saw the letter which Speed wrote Berkman. I must confess I do not like the tone. Now when I organized the Science Club and got the money together it was not to share it a one man affair. It looks to me that now

however, I have nothing to do with the matter. I only ask you to cooperate with

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Redman if you can, as that will save a lot of idle argument and pretty quickly you and Dave will be together in Japan or you have decided it will be that way

While away

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Jan. 5 th.

Dearest: As you well know I have been bad again. I had no business to write to Reitman that way even if I do believe it. However, I can not stand insults and he has insulted me more than I have him. I am the one woman of all your friend's that he should not have spoken to licin-ciy And his manner of sending that bill — well it is of no moment now — my anger is like the flash in the pan and is always making me do things

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against my better nature — and such terrible things.

As a comrade I love Mr. Reitman but as an individual I beg of him never to come in contact with me again either in writing or any other way. However, both he and I (terribly self-centered, intolerant and wicked as I am) can both try to make ourselves at one with evolution. We are all as good; I reckon as the elements within us permit us to be. I myself am a weakling else I would not allow my immediate environment to cause me to

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lose my self control so often. But I always hurt myself more than I hurt the other one. Not long ago I degraded myself to the level of a beast thru jealousy. I have risen beyond that and there are more things that I must rise beyond and no one else can help me for if I accept help from any one other than love it only makes me weaker. I wonder if anyone ever realizes his real self. Why is it that we just have glimpses of our real selves and

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then let them be submerged by mere appetites. Tell me — you woman! And do our real selves mean a selflessness? O hell!

I have been thinking, my dearest one — my real woman — perhaps I have not the moral right to encroach upon your time — so necessary to the cause — by writing to you because as long as I write I shall pour out my inner soul to you and make you suffer. I do not want you to ever suffer on my account any more and I do not

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ever want to detract
your attention from
more important things
than ~~yourself~~ myself.
I will do as you say
about it. Of course if
I cease writing to you
it will be like parting
with half of my soul
but you are very real
to me at all times - even
when I do not write.
Days when I am bad
I cannot kiss that
nice place on your
throat but at all
times, just before I go
to sleep I place my
hand in yours and
feel safer than when
they used to T. ch me
to say, "Now I lay me

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down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep."

I tell everybody about you, heart of gold. Some teacher up at the Arnold school said to my sister. "What makes your Almeda so crazy over Emma Goldman? Such associations!" A little girl who is public stenographer here is just w reading your book; she is so sweet and so intelligent. And the girls over at the post-office are just now reading Berkman's book. I swore I'd never loan my copy out but it is on the go all

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the time amongst people who cannot afford to buy it. I am broghouse over Berkman's book - just broghouse. I was going to commit suicide the other night and read his book again and couldn't.

I wish I had three more copies of his book and a couple of yours as I am going to Pittsburg the last of the week. But you must let me sell them in my own time and way and pay the expressage on it and I'll pay it back.

S' long! Almeda.

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My dear good friend

It is really my fault, but you must have guessed I should have given you full particulars in the place. That would have saved you so much trouble

I will do it now, although it will have to be very briefly. It is Sunday and I have 2 lectures to deliver.

Well then, I will give six talks on Nietzsche afternoons from 5.15 to 6.15

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That is the best time for
those who are likely to
take the course, besides
my evenings will be de-
voted to popular subjects,
as I have already written
you, the price $5 for the
course is to include
a renewal or subscription
to M.C. and admission
to my coming lectures.
There is another thing
Mrs Kessler writes me
she would very much

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like a course on Russian literature. How do you feel about it? Of course I could not give half in the same more, needed at least three afternoons for it alone. I needed therefore have to give that instead, of Victorian, or give it separately the second more

Will you confer with Mr. de Dauhane, and if you the Mannerings, as well ...

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Mrs Kessler and decide
among yourselves. Either
suits me, only I must
know soon which it is
to be. If the Russian
I shall of course deal
with the most "modern"
possibly requiring more
thought, although I shall
have much to say about
Rostagenovy, who is
being brought out in
English for the first
time.

I fear me much, me

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need not rely altogether on little Mildred Morgan. She means well, but she has no patience with her papa. I N N might help if approached by people who know Berg also. I am not quite sure of Miss Kane. Please do not misunderstand. I think he perfectly wonderful but believing I let in, depth. I may be mistaken of course.

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But aside of these good friends it would not be difficult at all to get a large class. Have already cause tickets? I would just like you here and send them to you and the others as soon as I know what is most wanted, whether Nietzsche or Russian literature, with the cause ticket people can be approached in a definite way.

Russian Memoirs will be sent very shortly. Goldman

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Dearest Heart.

your tender morning ~~thought~~ "prayer" of
the past came to me. and if God we
is well pleased with the prayer of his
children as I am with your good letter.
he ain't such a duffer after all.
It is 5 P. M. and I have not been out of the
house. I got up at 9. and wrote
to you had dinner went to Schiff's this
afternoon and my little nephew woke me up
and handed me your letter. I have been telling
him stories about things strange & stranger.
my niece Ruth was here with her girl chum
who is a Socialist daughter. I gave her
Anarchism and what it really means for to take
to her Father.

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Don't you think I am the wonderful creature in all the world.

Hobo is learning to make his own cigarettes

I am most anxious about Berkman book. I hope you will be able to make satisfactory arrangement with Goldman. I hope it won't be too long.

I have not much interest in Lon. I have over 50 books but no large amount of our literature

I wrote you my idea about the town. I feel the Office is all hinged up and the [illegible] straight

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Mommy why cant you and I have quite happy days at home. I feel that I could be so content with you.

Oh Willie will be so strong and manly for two months yet my sweet lamb to watch over and protect for a complete day all to ourselves so Willie can catch up. I am hoping boy hook a boy hook to have that sweet night gown for your sweet body.

Oh I want you to be decked in silk and and Roses and Violets and to have all Lucinda's stuff behind you and just me and Mommy and our family & 2 mommies, Uncle Max and Willie to have one grand reunion

Oh Mommy clear out rest of our week in Old Orchard & we have never had an unhampered stay together. I hope we can make arrangements to go to Australia and around the world I think the time is right for it.

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Received and the Lincoln Daily News about things before your leave E. G.

Now that things are in good shape in E. G. and Berkman took to Kinsler's & another what does we to prevent me from going. We will start advertising B. book and our literate. girls as soon as we make a little money. Let me have my C things date at once. Money I hope you will get a scrap book for our clippings before your leave town

I hold you on my lap and kiss and fondest you. then I lay you down and — take my lines for I'm all yours.

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Jan. 12th.

Dearest: I went to see my mother last week; her neck is about as thin as your wrist. It is marvellous to me how she clings to life. I offered to give her something to put her out of her pain but she would not take it, saying that it is a sin to take the life God gave us. About all that is left of my mother is her head and it is as clear as a bell. All passions have left her and only love remains. I pour my heart out to her now and I never used to. She listens to me calmly and said, "Almeda,

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if you would learn self-control, you could be anything you wanted."

My mother seems all spirit now. My mother, too, used to have an unreasonable fury the moment she grew impatient and woe betide the poor kid who did not keep away from the reach of her arm. Never demonstrative, tho, she hated anyone her kids did not like and would not allow such people admittance into her house. When my mother once hated anybody she never forgave them and was ruthless. Hatred never

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lasts long with me - it turns into a contemptuous indifference. My mother worked very hard to 'educate' us and worked very hard at preserving, cooking and such things, but somehow she failed us at crucial periods of our lives. She taught us nothing of sex and would not expend any money towards painting lessons for my sisters nor violin lessons for myself and when we were not making money we were not very welcome at home. I have never heard my mother use an oath or any vulgar

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language. I have never heard her tell a story off color.

Two of my kid friends – boys of 12 & 13, have been here several hours today and I feel as proud as some people would feel if they had been visited by a king. Fred is mad about it. Both of those kids have been in jail – one for theft and the other for singing an obscene song on the streets. They are little gentlemen in my presence, tho. I saved one from Morganza. This morning one gave me some Chinese lilies and the other gave me

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a Theatre ticket. I bet
he sold papers for it.
I know he would not
steal if he got 'enuf to
eat. When that woman
was going to put the
kid in Morganza, the
kid's mother said, "Send
for Mrs. Sperry," and
the woman skidood
for I could put her in
the Federal prison.
Those kids sit and
tell me their adventures
'til I get weak from
laughter. I wish Harold
were my little boy – he
is so sweet – so sensitive
– so brainy and so
handsome. While I
was getting dinner I
listened to them talk –
they talked of the gyro –

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scope and other in-
ventions. Oh, Emmy,
if I had a lot of
money I'd have a
big school for kids
like that. This infer-
nal rotten town is
sending them to the
dogs. I wish Harold
were my kid - his
mother beats him. O
gee! I love him.

Last night I dreamed
you were in a grave and
I was a worm battening
upon your flesh. I
started eating your
soft, white shoulder
and once in awhile
would sting your lips
but there was no re-
sponce. I peered under
your eyelids and looked

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into the pellucid blue of the iris - your eyes were as compassionate and benevolent as ever but as baffling in death as in life. I shriveled in ecstacy at the mystery of your eyes.

Lovingly.

(but I dont deserve to be allowed to write that)

Almeda.

If you took me at my word and never wrote again I'd paint Pennsylvania red.

I'm going to send you a gift and if you dont take it I'll shoot myself. I know I don't deserve to have you

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accept anything from me. It is an odd gift — you will be amused — but I want it to touch your body.

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Jan. 13th, 1913.

My dear George MacDonald:-

At the direction of E.C. Walker, I am writing you to say that the flowers that were sent to the Foote Memorial meeting were $4. Unfortunately Reitman omitted to get a bill from the florist, so I hope you will take my word for it. If I were not so pressed for money, I would let it go as my contribution to the memory of our good Doctor, but I understand that Schroeder paid for the flowers; besides I am anything but flushed.

Yours sincerely,
Emma Goldman

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Dearest Emma: I
feel rather embittered
at not getting to see you –
the fates do seem to
resent my love for you.
My mother's death
was not so shocking
to me – I was very glad
for her sake since she
has suffered so. But I
am completely unnerved
at the actions of some
of my Christian sisters.
Hardly had my mother's
body been cold than
they started to steal
her clothing and other
stuff. While my father
was at the cemetery to
see about the opening

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of the grave, two of my sisters had the body removed to one of the Christian's home and when my father returned, mother's wardrobe had completely disappeared. Oh! it is all too sordid. And I found out that one of the Christians had had my mother mortgage her home for $600 and in five years has not paid anything on the principal nor no interest. They all gave me

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hell, Emma, for being your friend and for smoking cigarettes.

Well, there's one thing — I never got my mother to mortgage her home and I never stole from her alive nor dead.

Sister! My younger brother, Chris, told me he would rather not have me come to his house on account of the influence I might ~~export~~ have on

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his wife. He was afraid I would teach her about anarchism.

While I was out of town the Merrick debate upon sabotage fell thru owing to the opponent of Merrick's getting cold feet. If I had been in town we would at least have had Merrick. Then when the meeting fell thru, the yellow-bellied socialists got that snake of a Slayton to give a lecture against sabotage and against

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anarchy. I could not go as I was too sick so I had about five men friends primed up with questions and they made John Slayton so mad that he said to them, "Sit down, you ignorammses!" He was bawled out for fare you well and also missed his train - he was hoppin' mad.

And another thing that has made me sad and prevented

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my coming to see
you — Fred got into
some awful trouble
and it took all our
money. It is too
disgraceful to tell you
about — it has taken
the last ounce of my
strength — and my
affection.
And to cap the
climax — this morning
Fred lost his job owing
to the influence of
Socialist enemies
of mine. But he had
another fa[illegible] within an

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hour. But we haven't two nickels and are swamped with debt.

Well, they've tried to do their damnedest and I'm there yet.

I may possibly see you in Chicago. But in the event that I do not – will you let me see you for a day – only a day – next summer – only I want you all to myself for that day. Oh! I know I'm

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human, human

If I can make

to Chicago I only

just want to lay

head up on your bosom

just an instant..

A strange girl! Yes!

Yes! I know.

A –

ahead

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January 24, 1913

Ellen A. Kennan
701 East 14th Avenue
Denver, Colorado

My dear Miss Kennan

Thank you very much for the good news contained in yours of the 12th inst. It certainly is a very remarkable thing that Professor Libby should be so enthused by Berkman's book. Remarkable because he is a professor of a conservative university and also because so few college men in this country have either artistic appreciation or courage to express a bold idea. I am therefore very happy to know that this man is an exception. I had heard a great deal about him through Miss Kessler and some other women who attended my Drama series. They all told me that he was unusually advanced. I hope I shall meet him on my forthcoming visit. Possibly we will go down to Boulder for one or two lectures. I wonder how your little meeting with Mrs McFarlane and Taussig has come off. What have you decided? I should like to know very soon, partly because we are now beginning the printing and also whether I am to work on the Nietzsche course. He is a very hard customer to handle, and I should need considerable time to prepare something thorough. Would you therefore write me at your earliest opportunity whether you have decided definitely on a Nietzsche course or whether you would rather have some on Russian literature, as Mrs Kessler has suggested, or both. I have written to Miss Courtney asking her to look after the evening lectures, that is to say, to get us Normal Hall or some other centrally located hall for the evening series. Anything you can do to help her I will appreciate as a great favor.

I wish you were in New York to enjoy a great treat, "Rutherford & Son," an English play given by an English company. It is the most wonderful thing I have seen on the American stage in many years. In fact I dont know anything that I would compare to it except the works of the great masters Ibsen, Strindberg and Hauptmann. I have seen it twice and if I had the means would go there a great many times, but the Little Theater charges $2.50 per seat and I cant afford that. What a pity that the very people who have artistic appreciation and who hunger for something good are excluded from just such great things as "Rutherford & Son"! Everything in this country caters to the people of means, no matter how dull and stupid the latter are. I understand that the play has been published, and

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I am trying to locate the publisher. I will let you know as soon as I find out, because I am very anxious for you to read it. It will make you realize that Bernard Shaw is a mere baby, compared with the author of the play, who, by-the-way, I understand is a young girl, Githa Sowerby. She certainly has a future if she keeps on. I wonder why no one in America can create something so tremendous. It is difficult to say. Only, our theaters are so mediocre, even the best of them.

I am having considerable difficulties with my Drama course. It takes place in the evening, as I dont want to exclude the people who work, they have so little chance to see or hear anything that's worth while. We begin our lecture tour on February 21. Thus it goes on without rest. I wonder how it would feel to discontinue talking for two years. I should love nothing better, and am praying to the gods that the authorities may take a fancy to me and lock me up for a few years. That's the only time I will get a chance to rest--and heaven only knows, I need it badly. But then, the police are so stupid. They never do the right thing in the right place.

Write soon, please.

Sincerely
Emma Goldman

Ps. I have your recent letter. I am glad you have all in your power to do as the Rome you are, since as soon as I can get Miss Greenberg about Normal Hall for my regular lectures I will begin the meeting.

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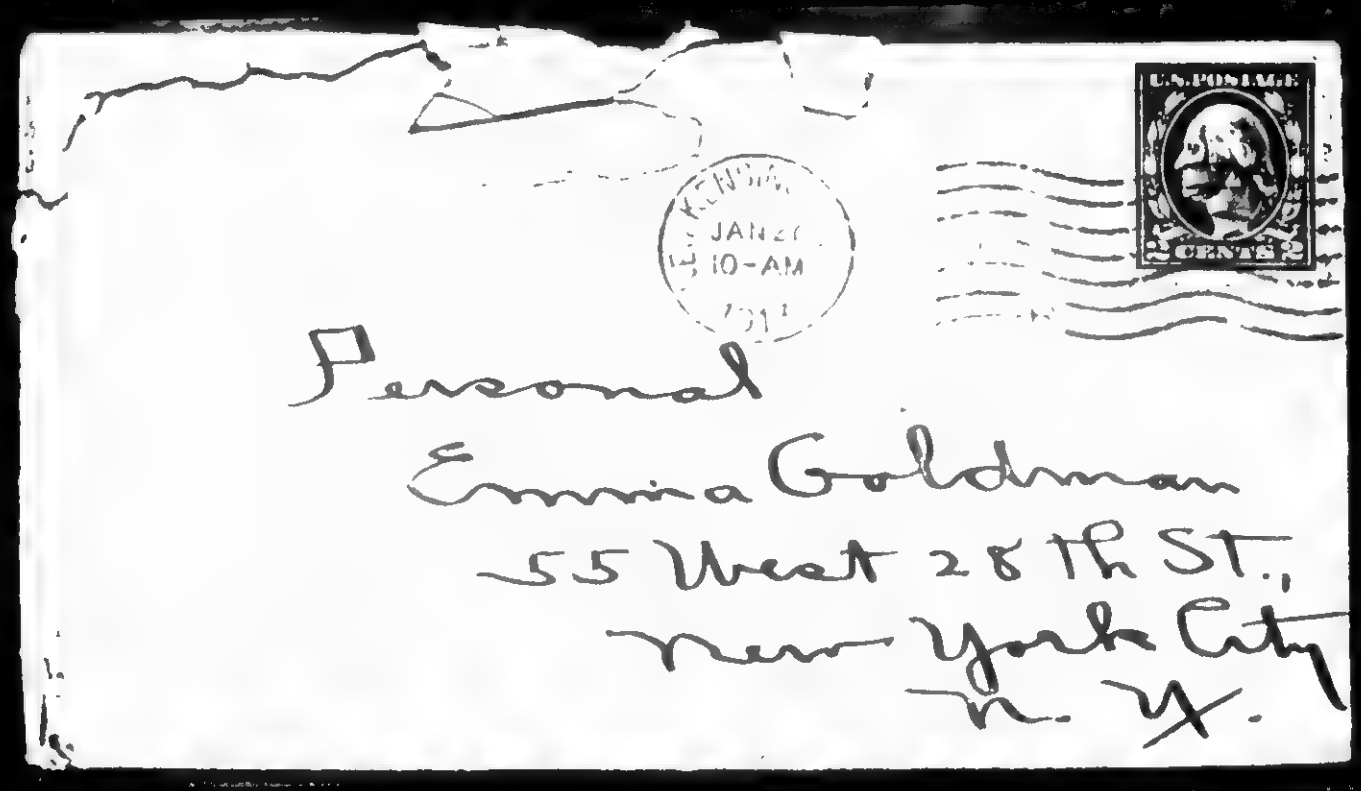

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Jan. 29, 1913.

Dear Friend:-

The enclosed will explain the purpose of our forthcoming affair.

Will you help us make it a success by disposing of the tickets we take the liberty to send you?

We shall appreciate your prompt reply whether we may count on your participation.

Cordially,

Emma Goldman

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Dear Ben H B

Dear my precious boy.

It is 12 30 just now, and I know you have at the B H instead of the N H. We worked until 2 30 A M yesterday with Mr and we got through with the dummy only a while ago. And all day there was nothing but rush, rush, rush from one thing to another. But then you know all that

Darling mine, you've departed this time unlike every other time left me wonderfully

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d peace in my soul. I think it is because I could see that your return to Chicago is different. I no longer have the horrors of the spaces creeping in upon me from every corner of Chicago.

B.R., dearest most beloved, if only there were no more space between us. If only this coming time would bring us harmony. I want that more than all else, more even than material success

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The peace which was over the last week and yesterday gives me new hope, a new lease on life. In fact since we have begun to prepare the tour, I feel like going, I did not before. But Ben, you are so beautiful, so soothing and comforting when you are kind and tender. Dear, dear Ben, I love you deeply

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So far as Dave turned against us in the office, hardly anything comes in. I can not account for it. And Goldman is crazy after us, phones every day. Our balance in the bank is $194, I could not even if I wanted to give Gold $200. Well, anyhow it will come out in the end.

I go to Hartford in the afternoon, Alex is coming with me. I am glad to have him, he needs

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same distraction and I need some one to help with the literature, since there is no hope to do it all. Friday, I speak, in Newark, we are to get 15 dollars and $10 cash besides. Saturday in Paterson, if only that were a success.

And you my own? How was the trip? How did you find everything in Chicago? Oh, I do

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Dear. be sure to send
out the drama circular
I am sending everything
to our order Monday,
the circulars to Freie
will go Thursday, the
one to St Louis went
to day. Do not forget
to see Miss Dixon, she
could do much for our
drama class
ask your brother about
my insurance. Send your
office you dear, you forgot
to leave them.
Rebo, my precious, I want
you so does the to be and the m—
Send most my darling Mommy

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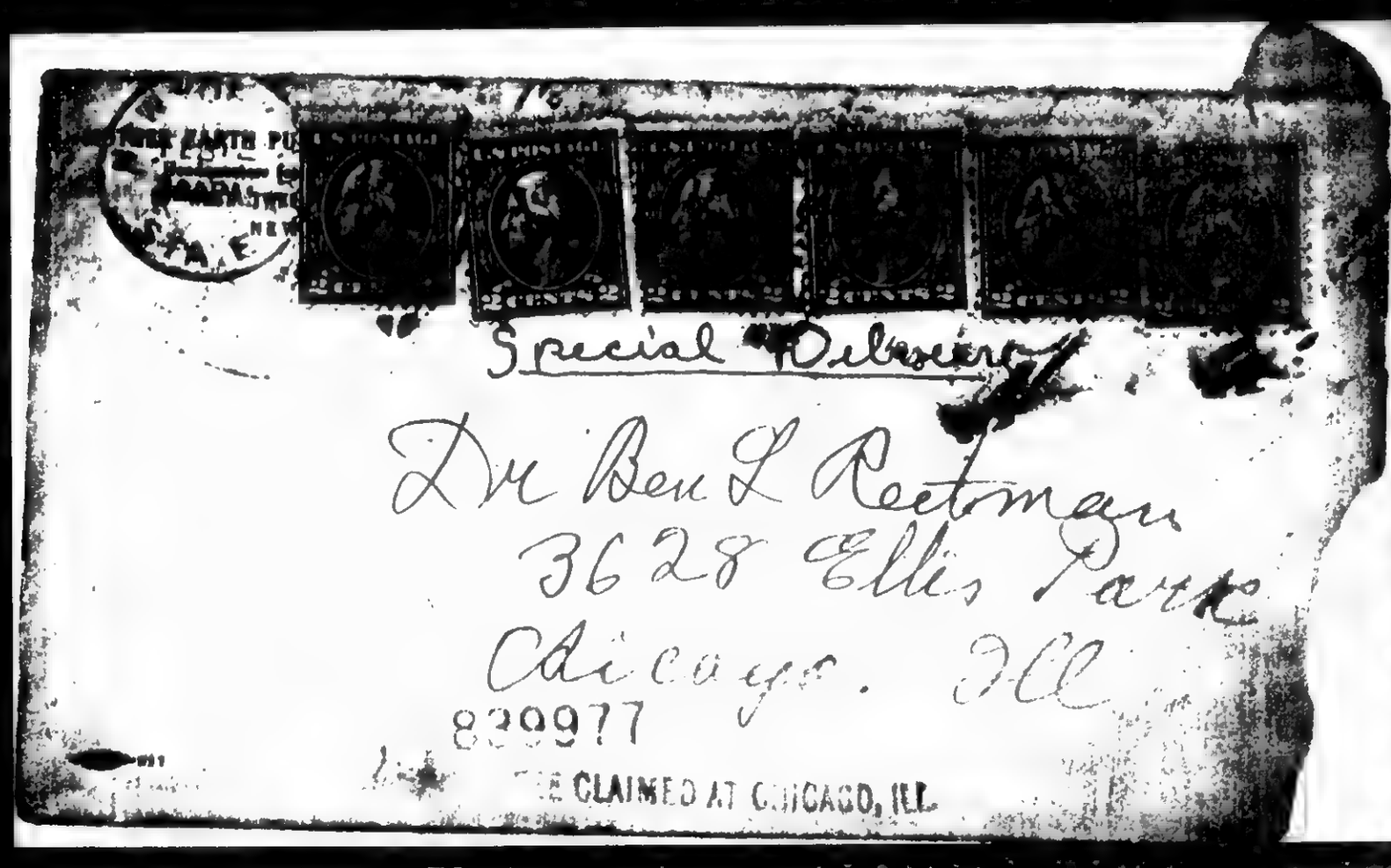

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Feb 15th

My darling. I dont see why you failed to ge. my letter which I sent special Wed. the 12th. It must have reached you after you wrote yours. Any way lover mine you should know by this time that if Mommy does not write it is because she is worked half dead.

You know the amount there is to do, well, there is ten time as much when you are gone. Alex is slow though sure, I must there fore attend to everythings what with the arrangements of the tour is certainly no joke. It may all be valuable in the end, but meanwhile I must keep up an awful correspondence and I am so tired.

Of instance, I heard from Lioness about a Hall in K C I wrote her at once. To day I got another letter as you see by the inclosed. I had to wrive her to go ahead and secure the Commercial Hall, alsot to see about K C K so we can get our printing done at once. Also about a place for the drama talks, which we will undertake anyway. I I think we can make it go on our own hook, as it is not likely Lione will get the clubs to ask me.

We have no help at all, even Annie does not do things as willlyfor Alex or myself as she does for you and when people are not willing they will not do it well. You know that yourself. For that very reason I have little hope about our Forum I do not believe it will go without some one to push it. It is discouragin but true,

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we have no one.

Dearest I wrote Dr Greer as soon as you left he may not have had my letter when you called, I asked him to expernd you some mosey. He may have been feeling badly when you called, you know how he is but he is always willing to help. The circulars wnent yesterday.

Drarest please see Sivmin and the others of the grop they want to help and we ought to give them a chnace. Instruct them to distribute circulars at all the meetings, perhaps there is some one who could take the unions. Leave the South side for yourself, and possibly Weber will distribute some on the south side meanwhile But whatever you do, dearest do not emply peopel to do the work, wee can not pay and it only demoralizes them, as Berman and the others. Id rather have poor meetings and have some comrades loo upon them a a graft affair.

Appro pos of Berman, I can not make out your list, n nor can Alex, please rewrite it. what do you mean by the numbers, hw many copies of my book are they to get. It is bad enough you write your love letters illeigable, at least the buseness letters ought t to be clear, dont you think?

M.E came late last night, too late to reach you for Sunday, we will send you a few copies for Monday. Also, on Monday I will

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mail you a check to take you to Cleveland. Dearest lover mine, you must not be impatient with me, but we are terribly short and must be very close for a time. I have diposited $48 yesteday which made our possessions 104 out of that I have paid the house rent and by the time I pay the butcher, grocer, Wahrheit, For wards and Freie Arb Stimme. eavh only half of what we owe, we will again be balnk

I had a lovely meeting in Newark. I got 25 subs and sold five dollars literaturse, the pitty was Alex forgot to bring his book form the office and as it was too late we had to do without it. But the group of girls seems to be very actiev, they were all so inthusiastic with my lecture that they promised to work for M.E from now on.

Enough of business matters, I want to tell my darling boy I love him awfully much and want him. I had a terrible night baefore last all kinds of wild dreams and longings but Hobo was so far away. Dear heara of mine, I am yours with every fiber, so much so that nothing else does no good. One more week and me and Hobo wil do it, for a whole day, shall we? The m, and t, b. send their passionte love. Will write again tomrrow. With love.

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PS. I am very glad the Twenty-two people let us get tickets, an all. Be sure to state it in the circular letter you are sending out. Enclosed is our side bet, are sending everyone drama or regular circulars, so you need not do it. Call up A. Gerson and see when ~~it~~ he can get the group together and you make your suggestion. The night is the affair in Brownsville, Editor Lap disappointed me, was to give a reading there. I hope something comes of the affair to-night

I hold you close and kiss W

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Myadear Miss Kennan:-

I am growing uneasy about your silence, I hope you are not indisposed. I have just received the wire from Miss Courtney telling me that she has secured a hall on California St., 1548 for the evening lectures, also that she has booked rooms and the banquet hall which we have had last time at the Martin Hotel, the latter to serve for the afternoon lectures on Neitzsche.

We are going to have the printing for Denver done here as we have for all cities, it will be shipped to Miss Courtney her place serving as a depot ~~xxxxxxx~~ where those who want to help can call for circulars. Can I go ahead with the announcement of the Neitzsche course? I mean can you and the others whom you have confered with state approximately how many we can count on, I understand of course that you cannot pledge yourself definately.

I mean to give the Neitzshe course in one week, six instead of 8 lectures, I think I can do it conveniently without gobling the subject too much. Needless to say to do complete justice to Neitzsche one would require a year. The reason that I must confine myself to one week is that I may have to leave Denver earlier than I expect to, but if I stay I shall probably devote a second week to Russian Literature as has been suggested by Mrs. Kesler and McFarlane. Let me hear from you soon please, my mail will be forwarded. I leave for Cleveland next Friday, Feb. 21st.

Give my love to the Monroes to Spies and Miss Nafe and take a good ~~chuck~~ dunk of it for yourself.

Emma Goldman

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My best beloved in all the World
I must rush this off, if
am to write you at all
to day I expect Ben's again
to give my trunk and clean
my typewriter, must then
rush to the dentist and
then the office, as usual
there is such a lot to
do and your Mammy is
terribly tired

Lover mine we had
a wonderful day yesterday
I wrote you about the
afternoon meeting, it was
great, the attendence, the
spirit, it touched me deeply

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The evening meeting was in some respects even greater. Not so many people, but the largest audience, we have had. & our drama lectures $60 receipts. The literature was of course, not like Yahas effort, something like $16, 13 sales. in the evening and nine in the afternoon altogether, it was a most satisfactory day and a most inspiring end of our work.

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But why did we end
it here? We could have
gone on way into May
Why did we not try just
one Winter in N.Y.? It
is too late now, but I
fear we are making
a grave mistake to
leave what we have built
up and go about
working for railroad,
and hotels.

Don't misunderstand
my darling, I want to
be with you, I want always
to move with you, but

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could we not do as Reyle is well and with less expence? Truly, precious we must try it just one Winter. You or Alexa could fix up a house here and easily make ten rent. You and Alexa could cooperate in the office, or you might just devote yourself to meeting and getting of sales. I am sure, we'd gain more out of it

Well, we are in for a time, in fact lots of work and uncertainty and Mommy is so weary

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and Kolko too, has had no rest. I suppose you raged about every minute. But then I do not care what the future may bring, if only Kolko and me can work in harmony. If only he can give the t. le what she owes so much, and if Kolko will not be m- they in getting disgracefully big. Make my own, my all, I love you deeply and passionately. Sweetheart, indeed you will find a check

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for $15 It is little I know
dearest but we are terribly
short. You have left about
items of $25 to pay
added to this is the
Grocer $29, butcher $22
Drice and Stemme 25, you
owed, to Washbeats $112
now if each will get only
half it will still leave
us without any thing
and there is my ticket
and other incidentals
I hate to burden you
sweet heart, but I do
not want you to think
I am keeping you that
the fare to Cleveland
can not be much, so
you will still have a

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little for your mortgage. In Cleveland you will probably have small expenses besides I will see how much income to the office to day and if it all possible will send you a little more.
Dearest, send the office keys if you have not already done so. Let me know if there is any thing particular you want me to bring in the way of literature. Let me know whom you have seen in Chicago

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about the drama company.
When have you left tickets
with and what are the
prospects? To day I
am sending out all the
Chicago letters and
circulars.

Why wild, something wrong
I get to the office. Taken
my prescriptions under play
I want you. R. t. ll
is wild because N
has neglected her and
he m— call you cy

I told you also to me
dearest Mates mine
illamme

the office. I find enough work
to grow blue in the face, can therefore
not write now. Your special came
Saturday night and I got it

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only now. Hello, I'd rather not have Beckie send out the circulars, I'd like you to do it. You know how much depends on it dearest, and you also know that she is not reliable. Please attend to it yourself even if you have to stay over until Thursday, it is time enough if you get to Cleveland Friday.

Dearest, there is trouble in Ind. Snyder wires

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only now after 2 weeks. But he has not received the circulars. We have called up the express, they say, they sent it and will have to trace it. I am writing Tom to go after the express people and if they delay to render a simple card, the express Co will have to pay damage. Dearest, am sending you $20 instead of $25. I ~~owed~~ ought to find $1 in your pocket, when we meet. See! I have no ag. illness

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Dear Ben
for me. I must be typed
[illegible] Whatever is long
[illegible] meet you
[illegible]
[illegible] I go
[illegible] while I
[illegible]
[illegible] I can alone
[illegible] enough, I long
[illegible] 7 Central
[illegible] train is supposed
to arrive 10,47 [illegible]
I will not wire dear
unless the train should

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[illegible]

[illegible] Dard, I [illegible]
[illegible] is [illegible]
[illegible], I am glad
[illegible], I am
[illegible] of [illegible] as [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of me [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
say [illegible] I can
[illegible]
when I get to Cleveland
I will see time enough

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Good news from one of our Jewish friends here. Strange, he will be here in the first week of March, Friday the 7th, or Saturday the 8th. Meet him. Keep, he will meet the train and then ~~th~~ will undertake the dance venture.

There are many things I would write, but

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is so dreary. I never realized how wrapped up he was in the girl. you can not imagine the joy [illegible] he has [illegible] in another reflected [illegible] truth.

as we sat in the restaurant last night and saw hundreds people [illegible] a rule he preferred, if we

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Rose 400.
I wrote Magales &
I was glad to see
you on account of
did not receive
[illegible]
[illegible]
any [illegible]
[illegible] since
[illegible] love
Nancy

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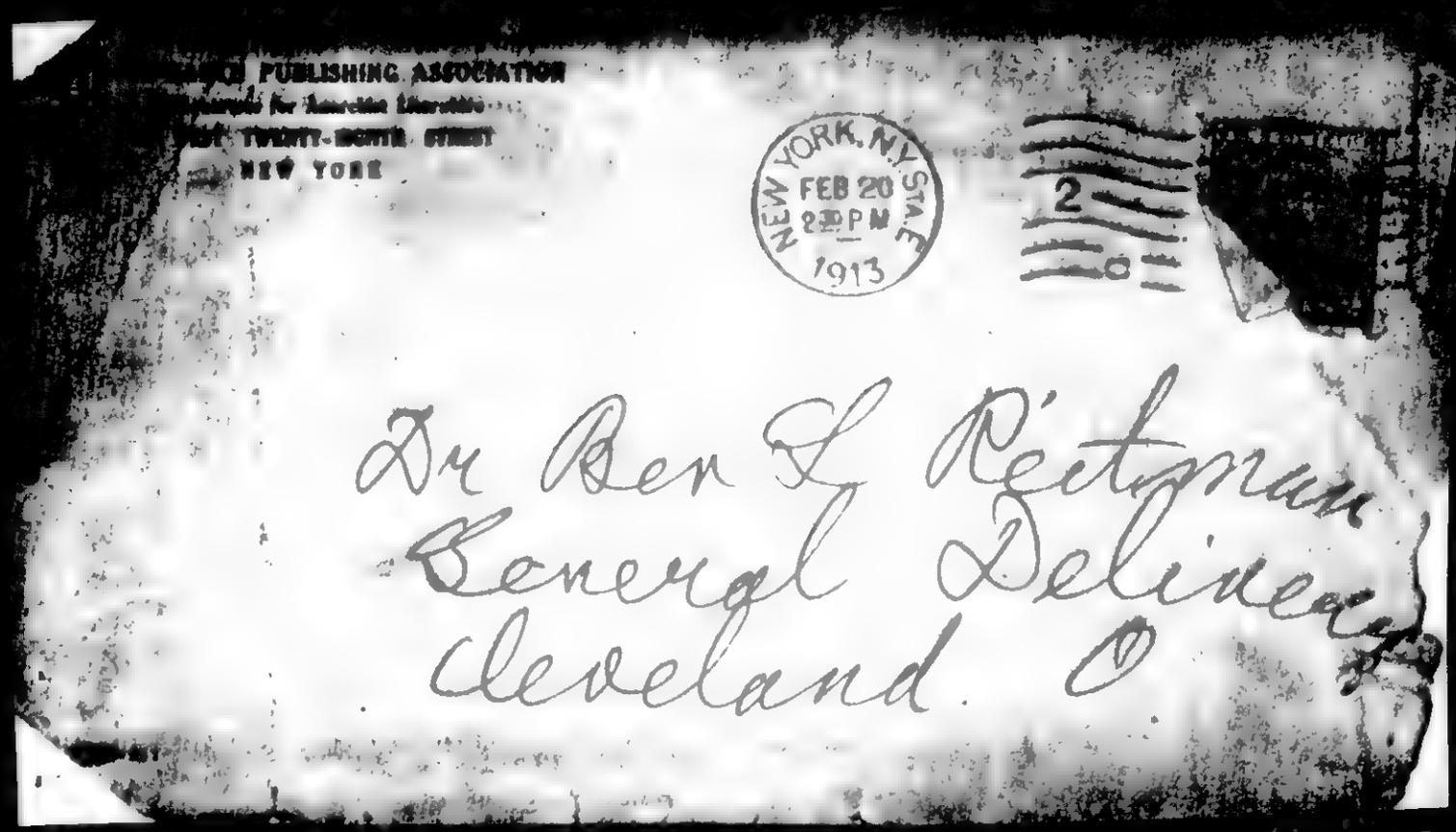

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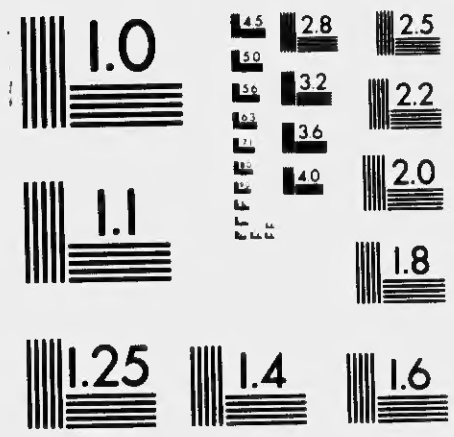

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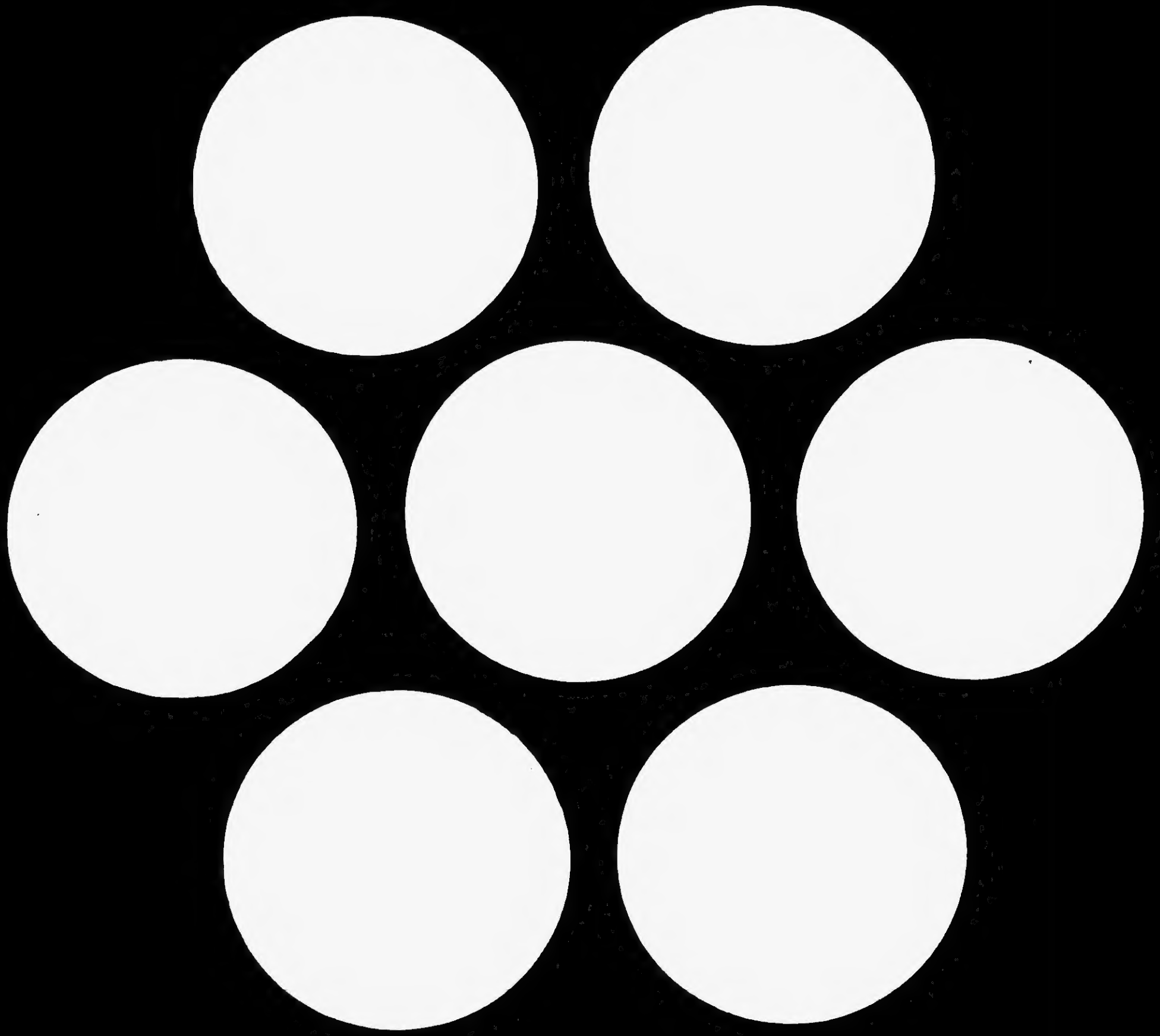

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